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Two F-16s from Misawa's 13th Fighter Squadron fly in formation with Japan's newest fighter, the F-2. The flight took place during a joint aerial training exercise Tuesday afternoon at Misawa between U.S. and Japanese pilots. Japan Air Self-Defense Force Lt. Gen. Kunihiro Oda hopped a ride in an F-16 from Misawa's 13th Fighter Squadron; USFJ Commander Gen. Thomas Waskow became the first American to fly in the F-2.

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States

Unwanted newborns: Since California emergency rooms began accepting unwanted newborns with no questions asked three years ago, 56 babies have been safely surrendered.

But 98 other newborns have been found alive and abandoned and authorities say many young women still have not heard about the law.

The state's Safely Surrendered Baby Law allows a parent or legal guardian to confidentially surrender a newborn three days old or younger to any hospital emergency room or other designated site without fear of arrest, as long as the baby has not been abused or neglected.

Meatpacking plant shooting: Employees of a Kansas City, Kan., meatpacking plant where a co-worker went on a shooting rampage returned to work Tuesday, four days after the gunman killed five people and injured two others before killing himself.

The ConAgra Foods Inc. plant had been closed since Friday, when 21-year-old Eli-Jah Brown opened fire during the plant's 5 p.m. break.

Arizona wildfires: Even as firefighters managed to beat back flames threatening a mountaintop observatory, the wildfire was approaching a mountaintop community.

The lightning-sparked fire in southeastern Arizona grew to 8,550 acres by Monday, officials said, and had burned to within a few miles of the community of Turkey Flat, which has 74 cabins. Fire officials said flames could reach the town Tuesday.

The wildfire, along with a nearby 7,810-acre blaze, prompted the evacuation of a \$200 million-plus observatory and about 90 cabins on Mount Graham on Friday.

Enemy combatant rifles complaint: Jose Padilla, who the government alleges was part of an al-Qaida plot to set off a radiological bomb and who is being held at a Navy brig in South Carolina, has refuted his lawsuit against the federal government.

An attorney for Padilla said Tuesday she filed a complaint in U.S. District Court in Charleston after the U.S. Supreme Court last week decided Padilla's original case should not have been brought in federal court in New York.

World

Sudan violence: U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan warned African leaders Tues-



Bird flu: A Thai farm worker collects dead chickens to be destroyed at a farm in Ayutthaya province in central Thailand on Tuesday. Thailand suspects a new outbreak of bird flu at a farm in Ayutthaya, where thousands of chickens have died, Deputy Agriculture Minister Newin Chidchob said. It would be the second outbreak since the government declared on May 14 that it was all but certain that Thailand was free of the disease following widespread outbreaks earlier in the year.

day that the humanitarian crisis in Sudan's Darfur region could destabilize the region if they don't take action.

Annan addressed the 40 leaders, including Sudan's President Omar el-Bashir, after a visit to Darfur — where thousands have been killed and more than a million black Africans have fled attacks by Arab militiamen. The violence has cost Africa some \$250 billion, the African Union said.

Bull run: A rocket fired from a balcony at noon Tuesday in Pamplona, Spain, transformed the sky into a mosaic of glittering dust in a spectacular prelude to the annual running of the bulls.

The ceremony signaled the start of nine days of parties in honor of Pamplona's patron saint, San Fermín, highlighted by eight bull runs beginning Wednesday.

Hundreds of revelers dressed in white shirts and trousers donned red kerchiefs and cumberbunds as dictated by tradition. The bravest will run ahead of more than a dozen bulls along the town's narrow cobblestone streets.

German tailgating case: A former DaimlerChrysler engineer whose high-speed tailgating caused the crash that killed a young mother and her 2-year-old daughter

claimed innocence Tuesday in an appeal of his 18-month manslaughter sentence.

Rolf Fischer, 35, continued to stand by his claim that he was nowhere near the scene of the accident when it happened.

Australian infant's death: The mother of a baby killed 24 years ago by a wild dog in the Australian Outback said Tuesday she bears no grudge toward a man who claims he knew the infant's fate but did not tell authorities.

Melbourne retiree Don Cole sparked a furor this week by telling a newspaper he shot a dingo near Ayers Rock on the night Azaria Chamberlain went missing in August 1980. If his claim is true, his failure to tell police about his grisly discovery paved the way for one of Australia's most notorious miscarriages of justice.

Milosevic's trial: The U.N. tribunal ruled Tuesday former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic was fit to stand trial, but may not be healthy enough to continue defending himself against charges of war crimes and genocide.

The judges ordered Milosevic, 62, to undergo a new medical examination by an independent cardiologist and postponed hearings in his case until July 14.

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Japan Air Self-Defense Force Lt. Gen. Kunihiko Oda, left, and U.S. Forces Japan Commander Gen. Thomas Waskow exchange notes at a debriefing at Misawa Air Base, Japan, on Tuesday after Waskow became the first American to fly in Japan's newest fighter, the F-2.

Self commander takes a spin in Japan's new F-2

BY JENNIFER H. SVAN

Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — The top U.S. military commander in Japan rode Tuesday where no American has sat before — in the back seat of Japan's newest fighter aircraft, the F-2.

During a visit here, Lt. Gen. Thomas Waskow, commander of the 5th Air Force and U.S. Forces Japan, teamed with Lt. Gen. Kunihiko Oda, head of the Japan Air Self-Defense Force's Air Defense Command, in the first U.S.-Japan training mission involving F-2s and the American F-16s from Misawa's 13th Fighter Squadron.

"Not only was today fun, but it showed the potential" for future training opportunities between Pacific Air Forces and JASDF, Waskow said.

The sleek F-2s, operated by JASDF's 3rd Air Wing at Misawa, were thrust into duty this spring. Oda said he invited Waskow — a decorated Vietnam War combat pilot — to fly in the F-2 so he could get a firsthand glimpse of the aircraft's capabilities and the skills of the JASDF pilots.

In return, Waskow and Brig. Gen. William Reaw, the 35th Fighter Wing and Misawa base commander, asked Oda to fly against Waskow in an F-16, officials said.

Oda flew in the back seat of an F-16 piloted by Capt. Steve Tittel. Reaw was Tittel's wingman in an hourlong mission pitting the two American aviators against two F-2s. The pilots conducted dissimilar Air Combat Tactics training, simulating battle scenarios to learn what different aircraft bring to a fight.

Waskow said this was the first time the F-2 participated in such training.

"The reason this is important is

because as the world changes and we react to more highly technological threats, we're able to share lessons learned between the two air forces," Waskow said.

The U.S. commander said he was impressed with the F-2, which is designed and built by the Japanese. The aircraft has some capabilities "that our aircraft does not," Waskow said, mentioning the Active Electronically Scanned Array radar, which has three times the range of a conventional antenna.

Oda said he was more impressed with the American pilots. "I learned the attitude of their pilots was aggressive," he said.

During the mission debriefing, Oda praised the U.S. aviators for how they prepared for the training mission, noting that they thoroughly explained every piece of gear to him down to the life jacket he wore.

"JASDF needs to learn about the way the U.S. does business," he said.

Waskow also credited the JASDF pilots for their dedication and professionalism, saying he looked forward to future training missions with JASDF.

"Even with the uncertainties of the global war on terrorism, this is something that will provide a reason for professionalism for both our air forces for the future," he said.

The two air forces hope to conduct more training between the fighters, gradually making the practice scenarios more complex, the generals indicated. Waskow said he envisions someday inviting the F-2 to participate in major U.S. Air Force exercises in the United States, such as Cope Thunder and Red Flag.

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Coral reef experts decry Henoko air base project

BY DAVID ALLEN

Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Environmentalists concerned about the steady deterioration of the world's coral reefs met on Okinawa last week and called for Japan to abandon plans to build an offshore base to replace Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.

Some 889 people from 83 countries signed a resolution calling for halting the project, to be built on reclaimed land and the coral reef about two miles offshore from the village of Henoko. A causeway is to connect it to the Marines' Camp Schwab.

The resolution is to be sent to U.S. and Japanese officials.

It was passed at the end of the 10th International Coral Reef Symposium in Ginowan. MCAS Futenma sits in the heart of urban Ginowan; the United States and Japan agreed in 1996 that a facility elsewhere on Okinawa should replace it.

In July 2002, the Futenma Relocation Council — national, prefectural and local Japanese officials — picked the Henoko site for the air station; plans were approved to build the base on 455 acres of reclaimed land. The base is to be used jointly by civilian aircraft and would cost about \$2.9 billion.

The project is part of a plan to reduce the land area on Okinawa occupied by U.S. military bases by 21 percent. The bases now cover about 20 percent of the island.

Signers of last week's resolution included 300 re-

searchers from the United States and Japan, according to a statement from the Center for Biological Diversity, which hosted the meeting.

"Construction of the sea-based facility, which if built would be 2.5 kilometers (about 1½ miles) wide, involves a massive landfill project in the waters surrounding the Henoko reef, an area of center news release. "The proposed site is known to be particularly rich in biological diversity and the primary remaining habitat of the critically endangered Okinawa dugong (saltwater manatee) and numerous threatened species."

Since April, the activists have blocked Tokyo's attempts to conduct an environmental survey of the Henoko site, he surveys, contracted by the Defense Facilities Administration's Naha bureau, have been stopped from boring 63 holes in the seabed around the reef.

"The widespread condemnation of the project by experts at the coral reef symposium lends a critical voice to the already strong national and international opposition to the air base project," the center stated, citing a lawsuit filed by six U.S. and Japanese environmental groups in U.S. district court last September against the Department of Defense and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

The suit was filed in U.S. Federal District Court for the Northern District of California, Oakland Division. The United States wants to have the suit dismissed, arguing it's a Japanese government project.

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Verdict in attempted rape trial is expected Thursday

BY DAVID ALLEN

Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — It's all-biting time for Marine Maj. Michael Brown.

Almost 19 months after he was indicted on charges of attempting to rape a Filipino barmaid and destroying her cell phone, Brown's fate will be decided Thursday by a three-judge panel in Naha District Court.

The prosecution seeks a sentence of three years in prison at hard labor. Brown's defense attorneys claim the trial was a sham. They contend the charges should have been dismissed more than a year ago when Brown's accuser, Victoria Nakamine, 41, testified that no attempted rape occurred and she did not want to see him punished.

She said police and prosecutors coerced her into filing charges against Brown.

Brown, a 20-year Marine veteran assigned to the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force, was indicted Dec. 20, 2002, on charges of attempting to rape Nakamine in the early morning hours of Nov. 2. She had given him a ride to his Gushikawa home after he spent the night of Nov. 1 drinking and singing karaoke at the Camp Courtney Officers Club.

Nakamine worked at the club. She testified that after they left the base she parked her car on a dark road along the Tengen River to talk. That led to some kissing and fondling, but when Brown attempted to go too far, she asked him to stop. He did — twice — and then apologized. However, she said, when she jokingly threatened to call police, Brown snatched her cell phone and

threw it into the river.

Nakamine later said trying to get compensation for her ruined phone led to the serious charges against Brown. When she reported the incident to base security guards, they exaggerated what had happened to get them to take her seriously.

However, the guards said it was an Okinawa police matter, so Nakamine made her report to them.

Brown was released on bail in May 2003 and restricted to Camp Courtney. The Marines have declined to state whether he might face disciplinary action after the Japanese court rules.

At first, Brown, who pleaded not guilty to both charges, denied any sexual foreplay. He later admitted that he and Nakamine had engaged in some form of consensual petting and he threw the cell phone out of the car.

Nakamine testified that, although she had lived in Japan for more than 18 years and was married to a Japanese man, she could not read Japanese. She said police and prosecutors coerced her into signing a written statement that she did not understand. She also testified she was confused about whether she could withdraw the charges after Brown was indicted.

The prosecution, on the other hand, said Nakamine changed

her story just a day after \$13,500 mysteriously appeared in her bank account. The money's source never was made clear, and Brown's defense lawyers denied it came from him or his family.

During the defense's closing argument, May Brown, 41, said the prosecution case was riddled with inconsistencies and that police virtually admitted pressing the case against Nakamine's intention.

A policeman who interviewed Nakamine testified that the morning of the incident, her supervisors told her to return to Nakamine to get another statement because the first was too weak to support a charge of attempted rape.

"That is the closest we will see to an admission that the police manufactured this case," Brown said.

Defense attorneys Toshimitsu Takasu and Takashi Tanaka argued that Nakamine's inability to understand Japanese sufficiently and the lack of translator when she was questioned should have caused her early statement to be inadmissible. They said the court should weigh heavily Nakamine's request not to punish Brown.

Prosecutor Takeshi Oda, who took over the case in April, called the crime "vicious and atrocious" and pointed out that Brown led to police when originally questioned about the incident. He said the community adjacent to Camp Courtney suffered as well as the victim. "There's a great feeling of anxiety among the residents because of this incident," he said.

However, no evidence was submitted during the trial to back up anxiety among the residents because of this incident, he said.

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iraqi group a threat to militant could he stay

Vow to harm al-Zarqawi comes a day after fatal U.S. airstrike on followers

By DANICA KIRKA
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A previously unknown militant group threatened to kill Abu Musab al-Zarqawi on Tuesday, a day after U.S.-led coalition forces launched an airstrike that killed 15 people on a suspected safe house used by followers of the Jordanian militant in Fallujah.

In a videotape sent to the al-Arabia television station, a group calling itself the "Salvation Movement" questioned how al-Zarqawi could use Islam to justify assassinations, kidnappings and the slaying of the innocent.

"He must leave Iraq immediately, he and his followers and everyone who gives shelter to him and his criminal actions," said a man on the video.

Meanwhile, insurgents detonated a car bomb Tuesday outside a massive tent packed with hundreds of Iraqis mourning the victims of an earlier attack, killing 14 people and wounding dozens of others.

The blast left a 1.5-yard crater in the ground, set five cars on fire and melted and burned the tent canopy in the central town of Khalis, in the heart of Iraq's orange-zoned region.

The violence underscored insurgents' determination to continue carrying out attacks, more than a week after U.S. forces handed power over to Iraq's interim government. However, some Iraqis appeared to be growing fed up with the killing, which has often claimed the lives of Iraqi civilians.

In other violence, seven U.S. Marines assigned to the 1st Ma-

rine Expeditionary Force were killed while on duty in western Iraq, the military said.

Two died in action Monday in the Anbar province, while a third died of his wounds Monday. Four other Marines were killed in action Tuesday while conducting security and stability operations.

Early on Wednesday, an insurgent group calling itself the "Iraqi Legitimate Resistance" said it had kidnapped an Egyptian truck driver, and it released a video to the al-Jazeera television station showing the man.

The group said it captured the man, who identified himself as Al-Asayid Muhammad Alsayid Algharawi, while he was driving a truck of fuel for U.S. forces from Saudi Arabia. The statement did not say whether the group made any demands or threatened to kill its captive.

Tuesday's attack in Khalis, near the city of Baquba, apparently targeted local council officials attending the wake for a victim of an attack Sunday that targeted the council's chairman — but killed his brother. Hundreds of mourners were drinking traditional black coffee symbolizing grief when the car detonated within yards of the tent, said Maj. Gen. Walid Al-Azawi of the Diyala province.

The provincial governor, Abdulrah al-Juburi, was among the dignitaries who had just left the wake when the blast went off.

Guerrillas have been targeting local officials and police officers throughout Iraq because they are seen as collaborators with Americans.

The attacks have led to fears that religious fanatics and Sada-

am loyalists may be joining forces to fight both the multinational force and the new Iraqi government. One senior U.S. military official speaking on condition of anonymity suggested that those who want to attack Zarqawi should go to the "nearest recruitment stations to become part of Iraqi armed forces and participate in the hunt for Zarqawi."

The interim government of Prime Minister Iyad Allawi has been trying to figure out how to deal with the violence.

His government's defense minister met with senior NATO officials Tuesday to carve out a possible future role for the alliance in the country, and Iraqi officials said they would announce a new security law Wednesday.

Allawi issued a statement Tuesday, condemning "evil forces" that have attacked the Iraqi energy infrastructure — attacks meant to cut off the interim government from its primary source of funds.

He said the assaults led to a nearly 15 percent cut in the country's power generation capacity.

"This unfortunate and unjust loss in our power supply is a direct result of terrorist attacks on our pipelines and fuel trucks," he said.

In other attacks, a roadside bomb targeted a U.S. military convoy Tuesday, killing one civilian and injuring two, said Capt. Mushtak Taleb, an Iraqi police spokesman. No British forces were injured.

In Baghdad, the U.S. military said Tuesday that troops had fired on a car that failed to heed warnings to stop at a checkpoint on Monday, killing one child and wounding another.

U.S. Marine captured in Iraq is free, kin told

By BASSEM MROUE
The Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — The family of a Lebanese-American U.S. Marine kidnapped in Iraq said Tuesday that a mysterious visitor had told them Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun is free and well.

Hours later, a Lebanese government official said the kidnappers released Hassoun after he pledged he would not return to the U.S. military. The official, who spoke on customary condition of anonymity, said Hassoun's whereabouts were unknown.

The two statements were positive signals for Hassoun's relatives in Lebanon and the United States, but they have seen their hopes rise and plummet since Hassoun went missing June 20 while serving as a translator for the U.S. Marines in Iraq.

Hassoun's brother in the north Lebanese city of Tripoli said Tuesday he is confident his brother is

free, although he has not spoken to him.

"We have received reliable information the guy is free," Sami Hassoun told The Associated Press. "We received a sign from my brother reassuring us."

Sami Hassoun would not reveal the sign, but he said the family had received credible information from a person he did not identify who came to their Tripoli home. The person did not say where the Marine was held.

Foreign Ministry officials in Beirut said that Lebanese diplomats in Iraq had told them Hassoun is still alive. They gave no further details.

On Saturday, a militant group calling itself the Ansar al-Sunna Army claimed on a Web site that it had beheaded the 24-year-old Marine, adding it would release a video to prove it. But in a statement posted on another Web site, the group said Sunday it did not issue the execution statement, leaving it unclear what had happened to Hassoun.

On Monday, a group calling itself "Islamic Response" told Al-Jazeera television that Hassoun was safe at an undisclosed location. It claimed Hassoun had promised not to return to the American military.

The U.S. military said Hassoun had been absent without authorization since June 20. After a video showing him blindfolded and apparently in the hands of militants was broadcast June 27, the military changed his status to "captured."

The New York Times, citing a Marine officer who spoke on condition of anonymity, reported Hassoun had been taken to a location after seeing one of his sergeants killed by a mortar bomb and was trying to make his way back to Lebanon. The officer told the paper Hassoun had been helped by Iraqis at his military base, but was betrayed and handed over to extremists.

The Marine's eldest brother, Mohammad, who lives in a Salt Lake City suburb, has denied the report.



Family spokesman Tarek Nossair remarks on reports that U.S. Marine Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun is still alive. "We pray that the news of his safe release is true," Nossair said Monday in West Jordan, Utah. Hassoun was captured by militants in Iraq.

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IN THE WORLD

Fountain dedicated to Diana

BY EMMA ROSS
The Associated Press

LONDON — The world is losing the race against the AIDS virus, which caused record numbers of infections and deaths around the globe last year, the United Nations reported Tuesday.

Although there have been successes and money is starting to flow, the virus has now pushed deep into Eastern Europe and Asia, and tackling it will be even more expensive than previously thought, according to the report.

The number of people living with HIV has risen in every region of the world. Last year, a record 5 million people became infected, and 3 million died. UNAIDS chief Dr. Peter Piot said those figures were a testament to the world's failure to get prevention and treatment to the people who need it.

Nine out of 10 people who urgently need treatment are not getting it, and prevention is still reaching only one in five who should have it, the report said.

The AIDS epidemic is now entering its globalization phase, Piot said at the international launch of

U.N.: Asia could stem spread but must act fast

BY ALISSA TANG
The Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand — Asia has an opportunity to control its HIV/AIDS crisis, but failure to act quickly could lead to an epidemic of major proportions, a United Nations expert said Tuesday.

Kathleen Cravero, deputy executive director of UNAIDS, issued the warning at a news conference to introduce the agency's 2004 Report on the Global AIDS Epidemic, which says some of the fastest-growing AIDS epidemics are in Asia, where an estimated 7.4 million people are infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

The report said that about a half-million Asians are believed to have died of AIDS last year, and roughly twice that number were newly infected.

Sub-Saharan Africa has slightly more than 10 percent of the world's population, but about 70 per-

cent — 25 million cases — of all people afflicted with HIV.

The epidemic in Asia is expanding rapidly, primarily in China, Indonesia and Vietnam, which make up approximately 50 percent of Asia's population, said Cravero.

The report points out that although the rate of HIV prevalence is low in China and India — the world's two most populous countries — both have serious localized epidemics that could spread.

Cravero explained that many Asian countries have infection rates as high as 1 percent. Once the rate exceeds that level, reversing the spread of HIV becomes considerably more difficult and expensive, she said.

Cravero said the epidemic in Asia has been driven by sex workers, injected drug users and homosexual relations. But the disease is increasingly moving into general populations.

the U.N. AIDS agency's report, released on the day of the International AIDS Conference, which kicks off this weekend in Thailand.

"AIDS is truly a disease of our globalized world. Whereas until recently AIDS was largely a problem for sub-Saharan Africa, one out of

every four new infections is occurring in Asia today, and a fast-growing epidemic is happening in Eastern Europe," Piot said.

In revised estimates based on better information than was previously available, the report says about 38 million people are infected.

Until now, experts had put the ranks of the HIV-afflicted at about 40 million.

The cost of tackling the pandemic also has risen. Two years ago, the United Nations predicted that \$10 billion a year would be needed by 2005. Now that figure is \$12 bil-

lion, because of delaying action and a more comprehensive campaign, said Piot.

Many countries, including Brazil, Uganda and Thailand, have reduced HIV infection. Drug prices have dropped dramatically, and money is beginning to flow in for the global effort.

Among the major challenges are improving the plight of women; keeping health workers in the developing world; tackling stigma surrounding the disease; and looking after children orphaned by it.

In some places the size of the health work force needs to quadruple, the report found.

AIDS remains untamed in Africa, where progress is mixed.

In sub-Saharan Africa, the number of people living with HIV appears to have leveled off at about 25 million. However, that stability is deceptive. In fact, both deaths and new infections are up.

Eastern Europe and Asia are emerging as the new front lines in the fight against AIDS.

Worryingly, except for Thailand and Cambodia, leadership in Asia is weak or totally absent, Piot said.

"Without such strong leadership, there's no way that we can contain this epidemic," he warned.

Fountain dedicated to Diana

BY RACHEL GOULD
The Associated Press

LONDON — Queen Elizabeth II dedicated a fountain in honor of Princess Diana on Tuesday, acknowledging that there had been difficult times with her late daughter-in-law but "memories mellow with the passing of the years."

The queen, her husband, Prince Philip, and Diana's former husband, Prince Charles, joined Diana's family to formally open the \$6.5 million oval granite water feature in Hyde Park.

The queen acknowledged that Diana's death gripped the world's attention.

"Central to this remains the ex-

traordinary effect Diana had on those around her," the queen said.

"Her drive to empathize with those in difficulty, hardship or distress, her willingness to embrace a new cause, her almost ability to size up all those she met, allowed her not only to touch people's lives but to change them."

On a personal note, the queen remarked that Diana "made such an impact on our lives."

"I remember especially the happiness she gave to my two grandsons," the queen said, referring to Princes William and Harry, who also attended.

The oval fountain was designed by American architect Peter Gustafson and built of 545 blocks

of Cornish granite. Water flows from the highest point on both sides; at some places the flow is agitated, at others calm.

The Royal Parks and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport provided extra funds when the installation ran \$1.1 million over budget.

"I think she would have loved it. ... It's inclusive," Diana's brother, Earl Spencer, said.

John Loughery, 49, of London, said he camped overnight in the park to get a good spot.

"Some people have criticized the fountain but I think people will grow to like it in time," Loughery said. "I was the first one here. The reason is that Diana is a star in the sky."



The inscription on the Diana Princess of Wales Memorial fountain is seen in London's Hyde Park on Tuesday, after an opening ceremony for the fountain built in memory of the late Diana.

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Indonesia elections

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Indonesia's fledgling democracy faces a new test ahead of a runoff presidential vote in September, with incumbent Megawati Sukarnoputri and her former coalition minister expected to win rival factions in a climate of political uncertainty.

Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, a former army general who quit Megawati's Cabinet to run for president, won the first round of Indonesia's presidential election on Monday with 33.9 percent of the vote, according to a poll by the Washington-based National Democratic Institute.

The poll said Megawati followed with 26 percent and former armed forces chief Wiranto trailed in third place with 23 percent.

From The Associated Press

Israel calls for debate on extremist threat

BY STEVE WEIZMAN

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel's parliament called a special debate Tuesday on the threat posed by Jewish extremists opposed to settlement evacuation, and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon for the first time acknowledged publicly that he feels at risk.

The Israeli Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that national elections will be held in November 2006, a year earlier than originally planned, in a decision that could complicate Sharon's plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip.

An expanded panel of seven justices overruled an earlier decision by the court that elections should be held in 2007. The court decided Tuesday that a loophole in an election law that was hastily written in 1999 meant elections should be held in 2006.

General elections are supposed to be held every four years, unless parliament is dissolved as a result of the collapse of a governing coalition. Elections were last held in February 2003.

In new fighting, an Israeli commando and seven Palestinians

were killed in a series of clashes in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Palestinian officials and the army said.

The violence erupted hours before envoys of the so-called Quartet of Middle East mediators — the United States, the European Union, the United Nations and Russia

were to meet in Jerusalem.

The talks focused on Israel's planned withdrawal from Gaza.

A diplomat in Jerusalem, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the participants said the withdrawal should be part of the "road map," a broader peace plan aimed at creating an independent Palestinian state by 2005.

The participants also discussed the dire humanitarian situation in the Palestinian areas with World Bank representatives, the diplo-



Sharon

mat said. The diplomats are scheduled to meet with Palestinian officials on Wednesday.

Sharon's plan to uproot all 21 Jewish settlements in Gaza — as well as four isolated enclaves in the West Bank — has met hard-line resistance in Israel. Many settlers are religious Jews who believe the West Bank is theirs by divine promise.

While most settler leaders have said they will use only nonviolent resistance, some rabbis and settler representatives have warned that violence could break out.

Sharon, a patron of settlers for most of his career, has become the target of verbal attacks since announcing his withdrawal plan in February. He wants to complete the pullout by September 2005.

Sharon acknowledged Monday that he feels at risk, although government officials said there have been no specific warnings against him.

"It saddens me that one who has spent his whole life defending Jews in Israel's wars now needs to be protected from Jews out of fear that they will harm him," an official quoted Sharon as saying.

IAEA likely to press Sharon on nation's nuclear arsenal

VIENNA, Austria — In his pitch for a Middle East free of nuclear weapons, the head of the U.N. atomic watchdog agency is likely this week to press for at least tacit acknowledgment from Israel that it has arms or the means to make them.

Israel does not directly comment on its nuclear capacity, and the International Atomic Energy Agency will not specify how hard IAEA head Mohamed ElBaradei will push officials during his two-day visit to the Jewish state starting Tuesday.

But ahead of the trip, ElBaradei has said that Israel should start talking seriously about a Middle East free of nuclear arms whether or not it owes up to owning them. Earlier this year, he condemned the imbalance caused in the Middle East because of "Israel sitting on nuclear weapons."

On the eve of ElBaradei's visit, IAEA spokesman Mark Gwozdecky linked it to the need "for a strategic dialogue at nuclear issues, aimed at building up... mutual confidence and, in the long run, making the region free of weapons of mass destruction."

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was quoted Tuesday as saying that Israel would not change its "no show, no tell" nuclear policy. ElBaradei's visit comes at a time of fears that Iran, Israel's foe, is secretly trying to develop such weapons.

"I don't know what he is coming to see. Israel has to hold in its hand all the elements of power necessary to protect itself by itself," Sharon said by Israel's Army Radio hours before ElBaradei's visit. "Our nuclear policy has proven itself and will continue."

— The Associated Press

Indian officials fear mansion cursed

BY TIM SULLIVAN

The Associated Press

NEW DELHI — For two years, the whitewashed mansion with the expansive yard stood empty. The government-owned residence was offered, rent-free, to one official after another. All turned it down.

No one wanted to risk the house's wrath.

It had already struck at least twice. First was the high-ranking New Delhi official who lived there. He resigned in 1996 amid charges of financial improprieties. After him came a cabinet minister. He died in office.

By then, the power of the house at No. 33 Shammath Marg was clear, and it sat silent behind a high wall on a busy street, unused except for occasional government receptions.

In a city with some of Asia's most expensive real estate, where politicians routinely squabble

over the choicest housing, a small group of spectacular government homes sit empty, sometimes for years.

The words used to describe them vary — cursed, jinxed, haunted — but the basic idea is the same.

The supernatural is deeply embedded in everyday Indian life, and such practices as astrology and numerology are widely believed, not to mention vastu, a set of ancient Hindu design principles encouraging harmony with nature.

"These properties scare people away," said Sheikh Pervez Hamid, a real estate broker.

When former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, for instance, left his official residence, Indian newspapers reported that he didn't like certain numbers, and had asked that his new house's address be changed from No. 8 to 6A.

That doesn't surprise Hamid,

who says most of his house-hunters use spiritual advisers.

"They judge homes by such things as their shape, the direction doors face and whether the last owners were prosperous. If it doesn't pass muster, sellers may have to dramatically lower the price."

One such property is 9 Shammath Marg, where a handful of politicians with rocky careers once lived.

Arvinder Singh Lovely, an ever-chatty New Delhi minister who took the house, snorts at such talk.

"I don't believe in all these things," he said. Then he insisted the house wasn't unlucky anyway, listing earlier tenants with hot political careers.

But the most feared government house is up the street, the little-used No. 33 Shammath Marg.

After two years sitting empty, incoming New Delhi Lt. Gov. B.L. Joshi recently announced he would take it.



Delhi state legislator Arvinder Singh Lovely poses at his government-provided residence in New Delhi, India, on Saturday. Some people say the spacious colonial-era house is cursed.

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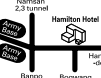
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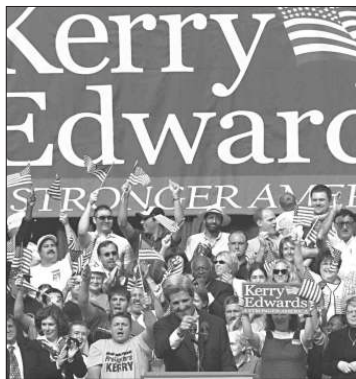
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IN THE STATES



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., announces he's selected Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C. as his running mate during a campaign rally in downtown Pittsburgh on Tuesday.

Kerry chooses Edwards

N.C. senator accepts offer to run as VP candidate

By RON FOURNIER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry on Tuesday selected former rival John Edwards to be his running mate, calling the rich former trial lawyer and rookie senator a man who showed "guts and determination and political skill" in his unsuccessful race against Kerry for the party's nomination.

As Kerry announced his decision in Pittsburgh, a huge crowd of supporters burst into applause, waving handmade signs that mixed with professionally printed "Kerry-Edwards" placards kept under wraps until the last minute.

"I trust that met with your approval," Kerry, a smile crossing his face, said at a rally. A banner unfurled behind him with the lat-

est campaign message: "Kerry-Edwards. A stronger America."

As he wrapped up his remarks, Chuck Berry's "Johnny B. Goode" played, a reference to the first name the running mates share. Kerry later boarded a plane for a speech in Indianapolis, the aircraft sporting an Edwards' logo that had been added overnight.

In his speech, Kerry had words of praise for Edwards as he promised thousands attending the conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church that unlike 2000 and the disputed election, "we will make sure every vote is counted."

By selecting Edwards, 51, Kerry went with the smooth-talking Southern populist over more seasoned politicians in hopes of injecting vigor and small-town appeal to the Democratic presidential ticket. Kerry, a decorated Vietnam veteran whom critics call aloof, calculated that his ticket didn't need foreign policy help as much as a flash of pizzazz.

"I was humbled by his offer," Edwards said in a statement, "and thrilled to accept it."

Edwards is a self-made multimillionaire who turned his up-from-the-bootstraps biography into a compelling story during his nomination fight against Kerry and several others.

During that campaign, Edwards did better than Kerry among Republicans and nearly as well among independents, according to exit polls conducted by The Associated Press. By comparison, among all voters in those primaries, Kerry beat Edwards 2-to-1. Edwards' voters frequently said the top candidate quality in their choice was that "he has a positive message."

President Bush's allies at the Republican National Committee immediately labeled Edwards a "disingenuous, unaccomplished liberal" trial lawyer — even as Vice President Dick Cheney called to congratulate him. Spokeswoman Nicole Devenish said Cheney congratulated Edwards and told his rival that he looked forward to the vice presidential debate and "a spirited campaign."

Later, Bush used similar language to welcome Edwards to the race.

The Democratic ticket will meet up late Tuesday in Pittsburgh, where the candidates and their families will have dinner together at Kerry's estate. They fly to Ohio, a major battleground state, on Wednesday for their first joint appearance. Their multistate tour will take them to Edwards' home state of North Carolina, a GOP bastion that Kerry hopes to put in play with his selection.

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The New York Post reported that John Kerry had picked Dick Gephardt as his running mate.

N.Y. Post joins the 'exclusive' gaffe club

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dewey defeats ... Gephardt?

The New York Post, in a front page gaffe reminiscent of the 1948 headline wrongly announcing President Truman's defeat, proclaimed Tuesday that Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry would select Rep. Dick Gephardt as his running mate.

"KERRY'S CHOICE," read the headline over the Page One "exclusive" story. "Dem picks Gephardt as VP candidate." The story, which ran without a byline, was accompanied by a file photo of the Missouri congressman and the Massachusetts senator.

But then Kerry announced his real choice Tuesday morning: North Carolina Sen. John Edwards.

Post editor in chief Col Allan said in a statement that he made the decision to go with the Gephardt story based on information that turned out to be inaccurate. He did not elaborate.

"We unreservedly apologize to our readers for the mistake," Allan said.

The paper's Web site replaced the Gephardt report with a story by The Associated Press on Kerry's actual choice.

Last October, after the New York Yankees defeated the Boston Red Sox in the American League playoffs, the Post mistakenly ran an editorial bemoaning the home team's loss.

Allan blamed that foul-up on a simple production error.

It was 1948 when Chicago Daily Tribune ran its "DEWEY DEFEATS TRUMAN" headline.

Incumbent Truman wound up beating Dewey, the Republican New York governor who was considered a heavy favorite.

Kerry's selection — the correct one — appeared to be reported first by Andrea Mitchell on NBC's "Today" show at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Edwards' outlook honed by optimism

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even as a working-class kid in a tiny Southern mill town, young Johnny Edwards displayed an infectious smile and a sunny outlook that were destined to take him far.

"Persistently optimistic," is how his wife, Elizabeth, describes him. "Losing is not in his vocabulary," says his father, Wallace Edwards.

Now, as John Kerry's chosen

running mate, John Edwards has the opportunity to spread his can-do message on behalf of the Democratic ticket. And he has the challenge to overcome criticism that as a first-term senator he lacks the seasoning and foreign policy credentials for such a position.

Edwards, at age 51, is known as a skilled speaker and politician. He made it onto Al Gore's short list when Gore was searching for a running mate in 2000.

He brushed aside questions

about whether he has the experience for a presidential ticket, saying his working-class roots give him all the seasoning he needs.

"The experience I have is the right kind of experience," he said last year as he campaigned unsuccessfully for the Democratic nomination. "I do see things through the eyes of most Americans."

Soon after his 1998 election to the Senate over incumbent Republican Leach Faircloth, Edwards was making a name for

himself in Congress.

His lawyer's background was useful in helping senators navigate the Clinton impeachment hearings. And he won early praise for helping push a patient's rights bill through the Senate, though it never won final passage.

Edwards and his wife lost their teenage son Wade in 1996 in a car accident. Although they were in their 40s, they decided to have two more children.



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War renunciants return to scene of 'awful thing'

BY LORNET TURNBULL

The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — There's a little-known story about a group of Americans who for a decade or so after World War II really weren't Americans at all.

There is a story that's not widely told because the people who can tell it best have been too ashamed to talk about it.

It's the story of 5,589 Japanese-Americans who, during the waning years of the war, renounced their U.S. citizenship. It's a pretty bad thing that happened to us," said Jean Miyoko Aoyama Tanaka, who gave up her birthright in 1944. "And it's something we were made to feel embarrassed about."

The untold story of the renunciants, most were interned at Tule Lake Relocation Camp in Northern California, has remained a dirty little secret in American history.

Some of what happened there 60 years ago is unclear because so few renunciants are willing to talk about it, and researchers didn't have access to government files until 2000.

The events leading up to the desperate act, and what happened afterward, are the focus of a four-day pilgrimage to Tule Lake that began July 2.

Signed by President Franklin Roosevelt in February 1942, Executive Order 9066 sent 110,000 people of Japanese descent to internment camps, ostensibly to prevent wartime sabotage and espionage.

It's the first time the biennial trip, which dates to the 1970s, has highlighted their stories, and it comes as America once again struggles with civil liberties for entire groups of people in a time of war.

"I don't think many of us were educated enough to understand our civil rights," said Tanaka, now 80 and living in Spokane, Wash. "No one spoke up for us. We were pretty ignorant about what happened, what it all meant."

Some of those who gave up their birthright all those years ago did so out of anger with a government they felt had betrayed

them; they were branded troublemakers and condemned — even by fellow Japanese-Americans.

Some renounced, thinking Japan would be kinder than the hostile American communities they believed awaited them outside the camp.

Still others, like Tanaka and her three brothers, felt pressured by aggressive pro-Japan groups within the camp and renounced, fearing noncitizen family members might eventually be expelled from the United States.

Most believed it would all be undone once the war was over.

"This awful thing happened to people who had done nothing more than be of Japanese ancestry, placed in a situation that made them question the value of their American citizenship," said Tetsuden Kashima, a professor in the Department of American Ethnic Studies at the University of Washington. "Then the government turns around and tells them that they had the option of renouncing it."

Left to pick up shattered lives once the war ended and the camps closed, many of the renunciants remained in the United States as Native American aliens — stripped of the basic rights enjoyed by other American-born citizens, such as voting.

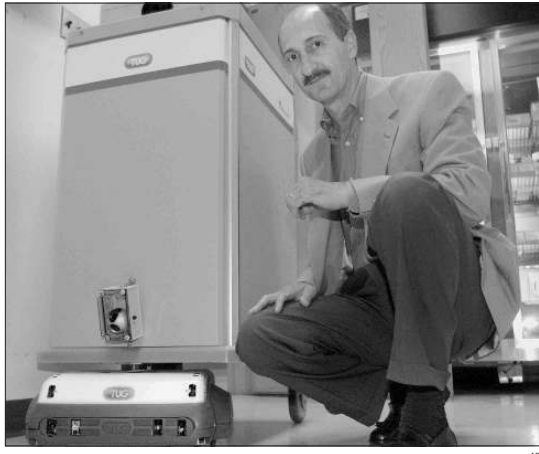
Some, like Tanaka and her family, went to Japan, a country foreign to them, wretchedly torn apart by war.

It would take at least 14 years and thousands of court cases for all but about 50 renunciants who wanted their citizenship back to reclaim it.

Tule Lake, in the Klamath Falls Basin just south of the Oregon border, was the biggest of the 10 camps — the first to open, in 1942, and the last to close, in 1946.

Of the 5,589 Japanese-Americans who eventually renounced, 1,327 who moved to Japan after the war, according to research documents.

By 1959, all but 50 or so of those who wanted their citizenship back had regained it.



Aldo Zini, president and CEO of Aethon, shows off his robotic helper, Tug, at Magee Woman's Hospital in Pittsburgh on Friday. Tug is a self-guided robot that transports medical supplies in hospitals.

Robots tackle mundane tasks at some hospitals

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Near a pair of swinging doors at a local hospital, a cart sits apparently abandoned. Yet at the push of a button, it perks up to say, "thank you" and rolls itself out the door.

The 50-pound machine, which looks like a vacuum cleaner mated to a cabinet, is designed to autonomously ferry loads of linens, medical supplies, X-rays, food and other materials.

In a push to lower costs and free up workers for more critical tasks, hospital officials are turning more and more to robots like Tug to ply their hallways.

Other robots include the RoboCart — a motorized table — and the droidlike HelpMate, a 4-foot tall cabinet with flashing lights and turn signals that would look at home in any sci-fi movie.

It's unclear how many automated courier robots are being used in the nation's hospitals. There may be six dozen to about 120, according to experts and a small number of private U.S. companies making the robots.

The Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Houston has been using two HelpMates to cart medicine from the pharmacy to nursing stations throughout the six-floor, 352-bed hospital. They make as many as 50 trips a day, said Susan Dierker, a nursing supervisor.

"They're wonderful and they talk to you in Spanish and English. The nursing staff is pleased with them, and most people just stare because they're wandering around the hospital," Dierker said.

The Tug, made by Pittsburgh-based Aethon, and the HelpMate, made by Ohio-based Cardinal Health, are more advanced than the RoboCart, made by California Computer Research Inc.

The RoboCart has a fixed path determined by tape placed in a hallway and has sonar to help it avoid smacking into a person or object in its path. It mostly ferries blood samples from one end of a laboratory to another.

On the other hand, the Tug and HelpMate are packed with sensors to help them "see." The Tug can tell the difference between a person standing in its way and a bag placed in a hallway.

They use wireless radios to call elevators or open automatic doors. Their "brains" are packed with maps of hospitals and computer programs to help them keep track of where they are, where they're going and the right time to jump on an elevator.

While it may seem ill-advised for a machine — even a smart one — to tote around drugs or medical records unsupervised, the Tug and HelpMate come with cabinets that can be mechanically and electronically locked. The HelpMate includes a fingerprint scanner for extra security.

Storms stir up plankton growth in the ocean, research finds

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Like a desert bursting into flower after a rare rainstorm, seemingly barren stretches of the ocean bloom with plankton after hurricanes pass by.

The bursts of life were measured by satellite studies following 13 hurricanes from 1998 to 2001.

"I was pleasantly surprised," said Steven Babin of Johns Hopkins University, who led the research.

Babin said sudden blooms of phytoplankton — tiny plants that float in the ocean — have been reported in areas of ocean up-

welling where rising water brings nutrients to the surface. He said similar effects from hurricanes had not been widely studied.

"Some parts of the ocean are like deserts, because there isn't enough food for many plants to grow. A hurricane's high winds stir up the ocean waters and help bring nutrients and phytoplankton to the surface, where they get more sunlight, allowing the plants to bloom," he said.

Russell L. Cubel of the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, said similar effects have been found after storms cross the Great Lakes.

A plankton bloom following one severe Lake Michigan storm lasted a "couple of weeks" and led to a big improvement in the growth of larval perch, which fed on the algae, said Cubel, who was not part of Babin's research team.

He said one hurricane he studied showed mixed water more than 175 yards deep after a storm.

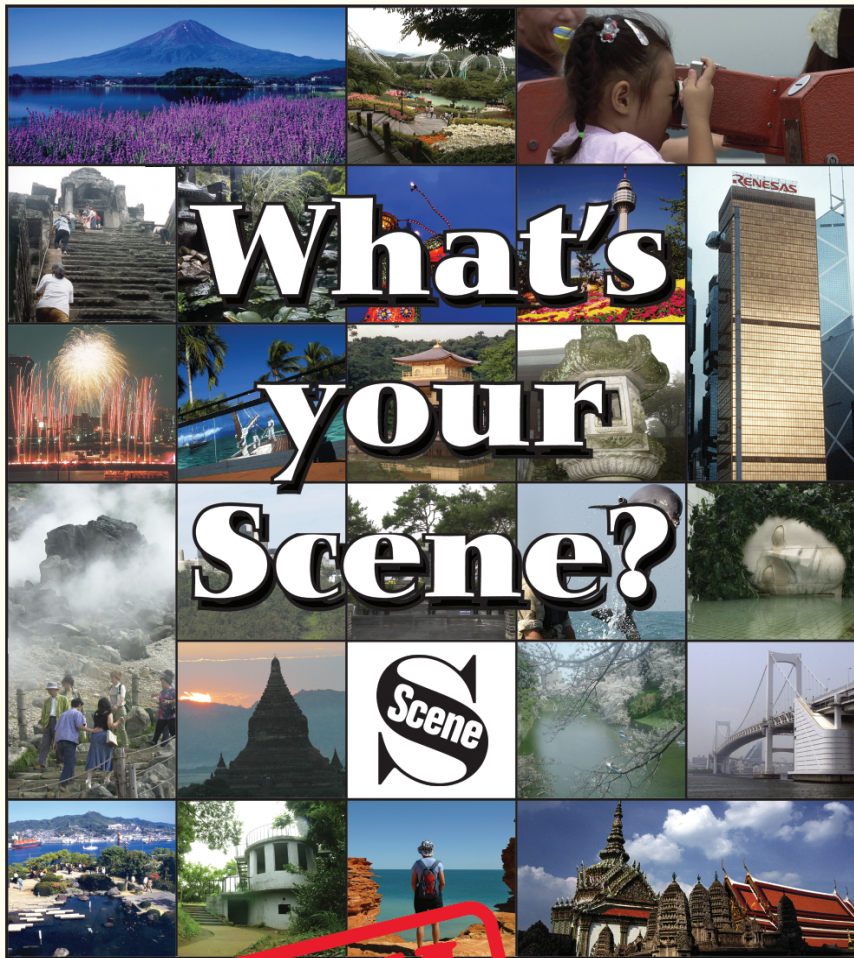
Babin's team studied satellite data collected by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The images showed changes in color of the sea surface, lasting days to weeks, as plankton grew in areas where a hurricane had passed through.

Scientists concerned about global warming, which has been tied to excess gasses such as carbon dioxide, have debated whether such plankton growth could be encouraged as a way of reducing the carbon dioxide.

That has even led to experiments in which seemingly empty areas of the ocean were seeded with nutrients such as iron in hopes of encouraging such growth.

In some cases the bloom of plant plankton was quickly followed by a growth of zooplankton — tiny animals that eat the plants, Cubel said.

Babin's research was funded by NASA's Earth Science Enterprise.



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U.N. acts to control spam within 2 years

BY SAM CAGE

The Associated Press

GENEVA — The United Nations is aiming to bring a "modern day epidemic" of junk e-mail under control within two years by standardizing legislation to make it easier to prosecute offenders, a leading expert said Tuesday.

"[We have] an epidemic on our hands that we need to learn how to control," Robert Horton, the acting chief of the Australian communications authority to make it easier to prosecute offenders, a leading expert said Tuesday.

The International Telecommunications Union is hosting a meeting on spam in Geneva this week that brings together regulators from 60 countries as well as various international organizations, including the Council of Europe and the World Trade Organization.

The U.N. agency said it would put forward examples of anti-spam legislation that countries can adopt to make cross-border cooperation easier.

Many states currently have no anti-spamming laws in place, making it difficult to prosecute the international phenomenon.

Top priority is "pornographic material ... that may come to the attention of children," said Horton, who is running the meeting.

"I think it's time we did something formally about this. We will have to come to some sort of general understanding."

As much as 85 percent of all e-mail may be categorized as spam, the ITU said, compared with an estimated 35 percent just one year ago. The vast majority is generated by a few hundred people, but authorities are not able to prosecute many of them under current legislation.

Spam and anti-spam protection cost computer users some \$25 billion last year, according to the United Nations.

Now the problem is rapidly spreading to cell phones. Nine of every 10 spam messages in Japan are now directed to mobile phones as text messages, Horton said. Spamming is also being used to perpetrate criminal acts. One technique — known as "phishing" — involves sending e-mails that appear to be genuine correspondence from reputable companies.

Recipients are asked for their bank details to clear up a mistake and then money is bled from their accounts.

Pacific islanders benefit from demand to move to .tv

Two little letters bring riches, and questions

BY CHARLES J. HANLEY

The Associated Press

FUNAFUTI, Tuvalu — It took just a bit of alphabet and a jot of punctuation to pave this island's lone road, to light the village lanes at night, to pay the rent on an office suite and a U.N. seat in far-off New York.

Ever since two little letters, ".tv", were plucked from the alphabet soup of the Internet and assigned to tiny Tuvalu, its 9,000 Pacific islanders have been making the most of it.

Or have they? Television stations, networks and other video-heavy Web sites have been buying the right to use the island nation's ".tv" Internet domain, explains Bart MacKay of California-based VeriSign Inc., which

sells the Tuvaluans' cyber-identity to distributors.

"When we speak with our customers and what kind of domain extensions they would like to sell, .tv is at the top of their list," he says.

But the Tuvaluan government may not be getting top dollar for its lucky draw in the World Wide Web lottery, some islanders are grumbling.

"What do you call it, 'ripped off'?" politician Apisai Ielema asks a visiting reporter. "We should not be ripped off by these business-minded companies."

The Tuvaluans themselves are decidedly not business-minded.

Traditionally, laid-back, remote, living on a scattering of sunny atolls midway between Hawaii and Australia, their chief exports are coconut oil and postage stamps. Cooperative or the government run almost everything here, from the ramshackle markets to the radio station. (The land of .tv, ironically, itself has no television.) Tuvaluans also have been too trusting in the past. In 1979, for example, a year after the colony gained independence from Britain, an American "real estate" scammer swindled it out of half its \$1 million reserves.

By 1998, when a Canadian entrepreneur dropped in to regale



A woman sweeps the island's lone paved road, as a man rides his scooter in Funafuti, Tuvalu, in March.

them with tales of riches awaiting via the Internet, they knew enough to consult American lawyers.

The Geneva-based International Organization of Standards, assigning country-code, "top-level domain" names on the Internet, had bestowed ".tv" on Tuvalu, as it had dealt .jp to Japan and .fr to France, for example. The Tuvalu-

ans now owned that Web address, and could license it for non-Tuvaluans to use.

With no real marketing plan, the Canadian deal foundered, however, and Tuvalu reached another agreement, with a California company, in 2000. Two years later, that company sold the new .tv Corp. to VeriSign, the powerful outfit that maintains registries for ".com" and ".net", the most important Internet suffixes.

Along the way, the Tuvaluan government collected more than \$20 million in lump-sum payments, from U.S. Corp. stock sales and other windfalls, and tv collected tens of thousands of registrants — from Major League Baseball's mlb.tv, which streams video of games, to a site called farm.tv, which offers videos of farms for sale.

The revenue — about twice as much as Tuvalu's previous annual gross domestic product — allowed the islanders to tar the road that runs the length of slender, sandy, 7-mile-long Funafuti, to install street lights among the palms and cinderblock shacks; to pay the \$50,000 admission fee to the United Nations, among other things.

Regular checks came in as well, as Tuvalu's cut in annual registrants' fees: a guaranteed \$550,000 per quarter, plus 5 percent of quarterly income over \$5 million, with the rest going to VeriSign.

As each quarter passed with only the minimum payment, however, that deal began looking less lucrative to some here.

"We're getting very little," said Amasose Kilei, a member of Tuvalu's 15-seat Parliament. "It's our property, and we need to get more than the company operating it — more than 50 percent."

MacKay, at VeriSign, says ordinary .tv domains sell for an average \$49 a year, but the most desirable premium names, such as "drugstore.tv" sell for much more, up to five figures annually.

The current number of registrants is between 190,000 and 200,000, he said. The previous operator had claimed to have sold more than 450,000 domains by December 2001.

But Mark Simati, the government's chief liaison for .tv, said he believes VeriSign must be more open in reporting sales information to Tuvalu.

"While they're telling us this is the total, we still need to know just how they're selling these things ... how much they're paying and the arrangements," Simati said.

MacKay, speaking by telephone from Seattle, said the Tuvaluans had asked for details of VeriSign expenses counted against tv revenues, and he told them it was impossible to separate out costs of the tv registry when the same VeriSign computers and engineers operate other suffixes and services as well.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (July 3)	106.09
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British pound	\$1.2489

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Euro	\$1.232
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Japan (Yen)	106.09

Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2947
Norway (Krone)	4.756
Philippines (Peso)	55.9
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	2.47
Singapore (Dollar)	1.7115
S. Korea (Won)	1,134.06
Switzerland (Franc)	1.232
Taiwan (Dollar)	1.470588
Turkey (Lira)	1,470.588

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany, check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interest rates provided for reference only. The British pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

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New York Merc exchange	
Gold	\$398.30
Silver	\$5.998

INTEREST RATES

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Discount rate	2.25
Federal funds market rate	1.75
3-month bill	1.25
30-year bond	5.25

Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com

Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

Shrinking student loans

Night Rider Tribune

Saddled with payments to multiple outstanding student loans? Well, take heart. There is help available for graduates struggling to pay back student loans, namely through loan consolidation.

Several college and university financial aid offices offer information about student loan consolidation. But if you don't have time to call on your alma mater or now live a great distance away from it, here are a few places with loan consolidation insights:

- American Education Services, provides insights on student loan consolidation and debt management, in question and answer format.
- Bankrate.com, insights and tips on how a federal student consolidation loan works.
- Federal Direct Consolidation Loans Information Center, contains information on consolidation eligibility, benefits and the application process.
- StudentLoanConsolidator, discusses benefits of consolidating outstanding student loans.

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Newtown show causes row

Well, I was all set to see the USO Wayne
Newtown show on Camp Casey, South Korea.
I have missed some previous shows
but I have been stuck in the back in Japan in
Kuwait and dealing with yahoos in Iraq.
Yep, I have been very busy sacrificing for
my country and our way of life. I can't
even count the amount of time I've spent
away from my family during deployments
to South Korea (twice), Bosnia, Kosovo,
Operation Desert Spring and, of course,
Operation Iraqi Freedom; yes, I've been
really busy.

But when I found out that the Wayne
Newtown show was at Casey just down the
road, I was pretty happy about it. I
planned, got there early, stood in the rain,
got a decent seat in the bleachers, brought
a book and stayed out of the way — just to
be told by the division command sergeant
major that the area I was sitting in was
now for VIPs. It wasn't previously marked
and, as a result, a very large group of sol-
diers was told to move. They already had
actual seats for VIPs (with earplugs) set up,
but I guess all of us hard-working sol-
diers who have made and continue to
make sacrifices for our country have to
give up our seats for VIPs.

Well, they got my seat; I went back to
my camp.

Staff Sgt. Will Rackliff
Camp Castle, South Korea

AAFFES should be challenged

Once again the Pacific Stars and Stripes,
or at least its reporters, seem to have
missed the point. I refer to the ongoing
Army and Air Force Exchange Service gas-
oline price saga and Joseph Giordano's
July 1 article "AAFFES puts off announcing
gas prices until after July 4." Why is it that
the Stars and Stripes always treats AAFFES
with "glances" when it comes to fuel
prices? Why do Stripes' reporters never
ask the begging question as to why AAFFES
bases it fuel prices in South Korea on the
U.S. Department of Energy's averages
from the previous four-week period? We
are not in the United States, and AAFFES
pays no taxes (U.S. federal or South Kore-
an).

A reasonable person would think that
AAFFES would base its pricing on fuel the
same way it would for any other type of
merchandise sold at its exchanges. It
should be based on the price paid plus a
markup for operating costs and a margin
for profit or a margin that can be moved
back into local soldier programs. But I
guess this is too much to ask AAFFES, as it
seems that all it is interested in doing is
padding its profits at the pump.

The July 1 article starts out by telling us
that AAFFES will hold off on adjusting its
fuel prices until after the 4th of July week-
end. The story further states that AAFFES
is doing this in order "to give people a little
break." I almost choked on my morning
coffee when I read this. What a joke! Are
you serious?

A "little break" would be for AAFFES to
drastically reduce its fuel prices by basing

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them on the formula I previously men-
tioned. The story ends with the reporter
telling us that we may be in for good news
when AAFFES adjusts its fuel prices after
the 4th of July weekend as the average
price of fuel in the States has dropped over
the past four-week period. This means
that, if the prices do drop, AAFFES has con-
tinued to gouge us at current pricing over
the busy 4th of July weekend. But, I guess
we shouldn't be surprised, as this seems to
be norm with AAFFES anyway.

AAFFES needs to cut us all a break. It
needs to come clean with its fuel-pricing
costs based on its gasoline prices based on
normal business practice rather than what
the average past four-week costs are for
fuel in the States.

Anthony A. Merkel
Yongsong, South Korea

What concerns AAFFES?

I read with fascination about the Army
and Air Force Exchange Service's concern
for the high price of gas in South Korea
and its use of this concern to keep the prices
at the current \$2.01 price per gallon
until after the 4th of July instead of adjust-
ing prices on the first of the month as nor-
mal ("AAFFES puts off announcing gas prices
until after July 4," July 1). Evidently
AAFFES did this to help the military over
the weekend, as they wouldn't have to
raise gas prices — this at a time when I
have heard nothing but how the gas prices
in the States have gone down.

As a matter of fact the same newspaper
reported the average price of gas in the
States is now \$1.92 per gallon (AAFFES
says it sets its prices at the national aver-
age). One has to wonder if AAFFES froze
the gas prices for the July 4th weekend to
keep the prices at the higher \$2.01 per gal-
lon or out of real concern for the military
officers. I wonder if the price of gas will
go down or up after the holiday?

Steven G. Burns
Osan Air Base, South Korea

No furniture allowed

Recently, a new policy was established
after most of the soldiers were deployed to
Taji, Iraq, and given all the ground rules,
that states we can no longer have items
outside of our trailers, such as
chairs, tables and camouflage from the
sun. The soldiers are steadily questioning
why this wasn't put out long ago, that
was, in fact, the policy. If morale here
wasn't already in question, now this deci-
sion is being enforced by a man who only
sleeps here every night and goes to Camp
Victory North to work.

All the soldiers who live in Taji were in-
structed to remove our outdoor chairs and
tables as we were no longer allowed to have
them in our living areas. Everyone, to in-
clude the senior-level leaders, is wondering
what the reason is behind this order, other
than to make the lives and living conditions
of the soldiers here, who see more combat
stress due to the higher rate of mortars and
enemy action than they do at Camp Victory
North, a little more miserable.

Take a trip to Victory North and you can
go to the new post exchange, which has
been referred to as the Wal-Mart of Iraq,
where you can buy an Omaha steak and
grill it right outside your trailer, sitting at
your table, pretending that you are back
home on your porch relaxing for the week-
end.

We don't have that same luxury in Taji;
maybe that is just one example of why Vic-
tory here is much lower than it is on Mo-
ryale North. Most of the soldiers in Taji
don't even have furniture in their trailers,
but it makes much more sense for the divi-
sion to remove furniture outside our
rooms than concentrate on getting us fur-
niture for the inside of our trailers.

I cannot understand why the better com-
forts in this "Army of One" seem to always
be closer to the flagpole. So, now even the
simplest of morale support, such as being
able to sit outside in front of our door,
drink a cold one and relax with our fellow
soldiers, is being stripped from us. Sol-
diers were directed to police up all the fur-
niture left outside and throw it away.

Where is the morale and welfare of the
soldiers in that? What is even worse is that I was as-
signed to this division during the first Gulf
War, and during that time rules like this
one would have been unthinkable. During
that war, soldiers saw a relatively short
amount of danger and a lot fewer soldiers
were killed. You would think that with an
average one soldier a day dying here,
we would be able to have our chair and
table to sit in and thank God that we were
blessed and survived one more day.

A senior leader laughed and said, "I
guess the DCG (deputy commanding gen-
eral) thinks that, 'Nothing's too good for
the soldiers deployed here, and nothing is
what they will have.'"

Hogeddy, the commander will set a
standard in the division that, no matter
where you live, allows us our simple plea-
sures, such as a chair.

Staff Sgt. Lynette Beard
Taji, Iraq

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

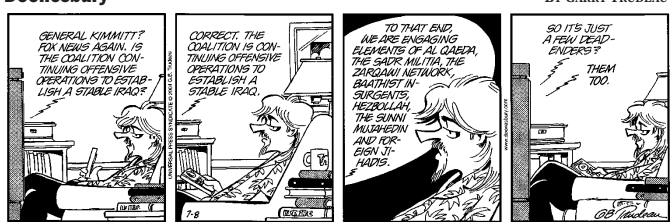
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OPINION

Campaign skill trawled Edwards and over pack

First things first. That is what John Kerry must have said to himself when he chose John Edwards as his running mate over alternatives with far more experience in government and far better credentials to take over as president on a moment's notice.

David Broder



Following, after Kerry himself, in their party. The choice had everything to do with Mission One, winning the election, and precious little to do with governing the nation.

In that respect, it is as if Republicans were quick to point out — a vivid contrast to the choice President Bush made four years ago in selecting Dick Cheney for his ticket. In campaign terms, Cheney brought almost nothing. He comes from Wyoming, a safe Republican state with only three electoral votes. He is a mediocre stump speaker.

What Cheney brought was an impressive governmental résumé: as a former White House chief of staff, the No. 2 Republican leader in the House and the secretary of defense during the first Gulf War.

For the young governor of Texas, devoid of Washington experience, the choice of Cheney was an important boost

in governance credentials.

That Cheney has proved to be both influential and controversial comes as no surprise.

In Kerry's case, he obviously feels that his own Washington experience — 19 years of Senate service, including a major role in foreign policy — needs no bolstering. So Dick Gephardt, with his years as Democratic leader in the House, and Sen. Bob Graham, with his expertise in intelligence issues, were luxuries Kerry thought he did not need.

Instead, he went for the man who is most likely to add votes to the Democratic column by his personal campaigning. Edwards has shown an uncanny ability to connect with both core Democratic constituencies and independent voters in every campaign he has run. That is how he won his Senate race against a GOP incumbent six years ago.

And it is how he came from far behind to become Kerry's toughest challenger in contests from Iowa through Super Tuesday.

Edwards — a skilled trial lawyer — learns as he goes. His stump speech when I first saw him in New Hampshire early in 2003 was acceptable but not overwhelming. By the time he got back to New Hampshire, nine months later, it was a thing of beauty — a populist depiction of "two Americas," divided between the privileged and the working people, but devoid of the anger and frustration so often linked to populism. ...

I came away thinking that if Edwards had had Kerry's organization, he would have been the nominee. ...

The question in many minds was whether Kerry would be comfortable running with a man whose stump skills were as great as the ambitions that had carried him so far so fast. [At a Democratic dinner in Milwaukee three nights before the Wisconsin primary] Kerry complained to his aides that Edwards' criticism of his trade record were unfair — even though they seemed mild to outsiders.



But the bad blood was dissolved by political calculations that Edwards could help the ticket, not just by forcing Bush to work for North Carolina, but — more importantly — in Appalachian parts of Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania and the small towns of the Midwest.

The partnership has a sounder basis than many outsiders relate. In private conversations with reporters early in their competition for the presidential nomination, Edwards was always compli-

mentary of Kerry. ...

At the time, Kerry was more skeptical of Edwards' credentials, saying he had not been overly impressed by his Senate work. But in one such conversation, Teresa Heinz Kerry broke in to say of Edwards' wife, Elizabeth, "She's terrific." To which her husband agreed.

This ticket was forged back in January, when Kerry and Edwards finished one-two in the Iowa caucuses. The Democrats could have done a lot worse.

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Modern battles expose F-22 Raptor's limitations

In a joint exercise in February, U.S. Air Force pilots flying our current top-of-the-line fighter, the F-15C, got their lunches eaten by Indian air force pilots flying new, and not-so-new, Russian jets. The Air Force won't disclose exactly how the mock engagements came out, but Hal Hornburg, head of Air Combat Command, said after the exercise: "We may not be as far ahead of the rest of the world as we once thought we were."

Part of the reason for the strong Indian performance could be superior training, the Air Force acknowledged. But the main reason, they said, is that the F-15C, first fielded in 1979, is showing its age.

"We've taken the F-15 about as far as we can, and now it is time to move on to the next generation," said Col. Mike Snodgrass, commander of the USAF fighters that took part in exercise Code India.

The next generation is the F-22 Raptor, which will complete testing this year. The Air Force has a "minimum requirement" for 381 F-22s, at an estimated cost of \$72 billion. The Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps plan to spend \$200 billion on the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, which won't be fielded before 2007. Its critics acknowledge that the F-22 is far and away the finest aircraft of its type ever built. But one thing that happened in Afghanistan — and one thing that didn't — have some military experts doubting the Air Force needs the F-22 and the F-35 in the quantities it is seeking.

What happened is that, thanks to the phenomenal accuracy of satellite-guided

bombs, the venerable B-52 bomber could provide close air support to ground troops from high in the sky. Bombers are now supporters in providing close air support, because they can carry a larger amount and a greater variety of ordnance, and can stay on station longer.

What didn't happen was Air Force fighters playing more than a token role in the Afghan war. There were no air bases close enough from which they could operate.

The difficulty in obtaining foreign basing rights and an aging tanker fleet mean there are many possible contingencies in which Air Force fighters could make a timely response, said retired Air Force Col. John Warden, who planned the air campaign in the first Gulf War.

In addition, Warden said, overseas air bases have to be protected from terrorist attacks, and they are lucrative targets for sur-

face-to-surface missiles.

"It's not clear that there are countries out there salvaging to take on the U.S. Air Force in air-to-air combat," said retired Army Col. Andrew Krepinovich, who heads the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments in Washington. "If we were to face a more conventional enemy, what would make sense for them is to invest in missile forces. That's what you see countries like North Korea and Iran doing."

The F-22 was born crippled, thanks to the time it takes to get new weapons from the drawing board to the field, Warden said.

"I got a briefing on the F-22 prototype when I was at Burbank [Air Base, West Germany] in 1986," Warden said. I told the contractors that it sounded like a swell airplane, but they ... should base it in England."

"They said they couldn't, because one of

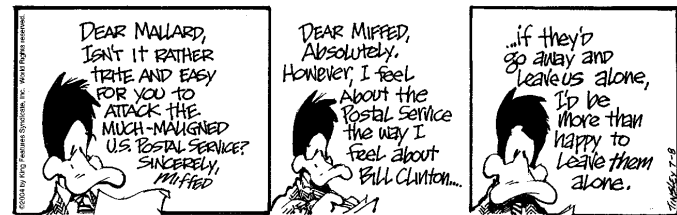
the specifications for the F-22 was that it fit into a NATO-generation shelter. And if it were small enough to fit into a NATO shelter, it wouldn't have enough range to strike targets in Eastern Europe if it were based in England."

The Air Force should restrict the F-22 buy to about 100, cancel its version of the F-35, and challenge the aerospace industry to develop, in five years or so, a hypersonic bomber that could strike targets anywhere in the world from bases in the States. "Why go out and buy an airplane that is significantly behind the technology that's available?" Warden asked. "Nobody has challenged the aerospace industry for a long time."

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Tug strike over

HI HONOLULU — Striking tugboat workers approved a contract with the company responsible for much of Hawaii's inter-island barge traffic, ending a four-day walkout.

The Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific ratified the agreement with Young Brothers Ltd.-Hawaiian Tug & Barge, said Jonathan Lono Kane, the union's regional director.

The workers will now accrue six hours off for every day worked, in addition to receiving improved medical benefits and pension plans. The contract doesn't include a salary increase, he said.

The company ships everything from food to cars and appliances among Hawaii's six main islands. It kept its ports open to deliver cargo to customers during the strike, but no new cargo was accepted for shipping.

Businesses flooded

AR DECATUR — Water rushed into this rain-soaked city's downtown when an earthen dam broke, flooding several businesses.

No injuries were reported. It was unclear how the dam in northwestern Arkansas' Benton County broke, or who owned the dam and the pond it had held back. The dam broke shortly after midnight, after the area had been drenched by 5 to 6 inches of rain, residents said.

Storm damage was widespread "from one side of the county to the other," said Doug Gay, sheriff's public information deputy.

A home was severely damaged by a possible tornado, and flooding and downed trees also were reported.

Pit bulls kill sick cats

NC WILMINGTON — Two pit bulls that may have wandered inside a shelter for sick animals killed 13 cats, authorities said.

Lee Esada, whose wife, Heather, manages the Southport-Oak Island Animal Rescue, found the dead cats and then found the dogs sleeping in a cage in the back of the shelter.

"I was so shaken up I could barely pick up the phone to call somebody," Esada said. "I've never been through anything like this before."

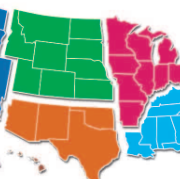
Richard Cooper, director of Brunswick County Animal Services, said there's no evidence of foul play. The dogs could have pushed through a hole in the chain-link fence surrounding the shelter and come inside the building through the cat door. The shelter housed about 75 sick cats.

The owner of the dogs was cited for creating a public nuisance and allowing the dogs to run at-large.

Playing dead not kosher

NY CARMEL — A 53-year-old man admitted in court that he declared himself dead and changed his name seven years ago to avoid arrest for skipping a court date.

"I was a different person then,



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no pun intended," he told the judge.

William Arksey of Danbury, Conn., pleaded guilty in Putnam County Court to second-degree forgery for filing his own death certificate in September 1997. Then known as William Peterson, he had been arrested two months earlier on a drunken driving charge, had failed to show up in court and was named on an arrest warrant.

Assistant District Attorney Mary Jane McCrae said Arksey then filed the death certificate "to get a criminal charge dismissed."

The fact that he was alive came to light this year when he was arrested in Pennsylvania and his fingerprints were checked against a national database.

The judge said he would sentence Arksey to a year in jail.

Dozens jump to escape

CO THORNTON — About a dozen people jumped from a three-story apartment complex to escape a fire. Some babies were thrown to safety from the upper floors to neighbors below, officials said.

Between 10 and 14 people who jumped from second- and third-story balconies were taken to hospitals with broken bones and other injuries, said Sgt. Louis Dixon of the Adams County Sheriff's Office.

Flames were shooting from the building when firefighters arrived around 1:30 a.m. Some people fled their apartments with nothing but

the clothes they were wearing.

According to witnesses, neighbors caught babies thrown from the upper floors of the Corona Village Apartments in unincorporated Adams County. At least eight families were left homeless.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

Definitely the pits

MI EAU CLAIRE — The Krause family's cherry pit spitting legacy lives on.

With his father and 12-time champion looking on, Brian "Young Gun" Krause spit a tart cherry pit 88 feet, 2 inches to win the 31st annual International Cherry Pit Spitting Championship.

The 25-year-old from Dimondale took the title for the third straight year at Tree-Mendus Fruit Farm. Last year, he set a record of 93 feet, 6½ inches.

Meanwhile, Ann St. Amand, of St. Joseph, is working on her own streak, winning the women's title for the fourth time and third year in a row. Her 46-foot, 1-inch spit marked her best ever.

The perfect student

UT DOREM — A Mountain View High School student made a clean sweep of the SAT and ACT college entrance exams.

Tyrie Vella, a 16-year-old who will be a senior at Mountain View this fall, got a perfect 36 on the ACT in November.

Even so, he still wasn't confident going in to the SAT this spring.

"I was worried because the odds were not very good that I would get perfect on both," he said. "And I had not scored that well on the verbal during two practice tests."

But when the results came back in April, Tyrie found out he had a perfect 1,600 on the SAT.

Tyrie tried to keep his test scores private, but his mother said excited friends and teachers made it difficult. Getting a congratulations from his track coach in front of the whole team also didn't help keep the scores under wraps.

Tyrie isn't sure where the test scores will take him next fall, but he said if he stays in Utah he will probably attend Brigham Young University.

Fire ants no conquerors

GA GRIFFIN — New research is dispelling the notion that imported fire ants will wipe out native species and become the South's dominant ant.

After spending a year collecting ants around the state, University of Georgia researcher Reid Ipser was not able to find a single red fire ant in wooded areas. His study led him to conclude that fire ants thrive only in areas with disturbed soils, such as roadways, fields and clear-cut areas — places where native ants find it harder to compete.

Fire ants certainly have become a dominant ant, but native ants are holding their own in forests, Ipser said.

Georgia has about 143 native ant species. Many are beneficial because they help control exotic species, they help degrade animal matter and they mix up the soil.



Flyover fan

Vera Chapman waves her flag to Air Force jets flying in formation over a Fourth of July celebration in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. The day has special meaning for Chapman, who became a naturalized citizen in 1972 after moving to the United States from her native England.



But this isn't River City

Iowa City Jazz Fest attendee Doug MacGregor, of Fairfield, Iowa, tries to stay dry as he is engulfed in a river of runoff during a torrential rain in downtown Iowa City, Iowa. MacGregor's wife gave up and went to the movies; his daughter got in their car to stay dry.



Pause that refreshes

C.J. Camarena takes a nap between performers in the Fort Worth Stockyards during Willie Nelson's 4th of July picnic in Fort Worth, Texas.



Coming 'round the mountain

Spotlights mounted on cars on a freight train are illuminated behind a passenger train on the Horseshoe Curve near Altoona, Pa., during a ceremony marking 150 years of the curve, which was built by the Pennsylvania Railroad and began service in February 1854. The tracks are now part of Norfolk Southern, which acquired them from Conrail.



Hello, Liberty

People gather around a giant Statue of Liberty head atop Kite Hill in Seattle's Gas Works Park.



A good neighbor

David Ramirez, of Mexico, wears American and Texas flags on his sombrero as he and his family enjoy the Fourth of July festivities in Garland, Texas.



Life at the beach

An unidentified man, lower left, naps on the beach, as a U.S. flag, displayed for the holiday, waves in the wind in Long Branch, N.J.

Best of the worst

WI CAMPBELLSPORT — It was no mere weenie roast here when residents of this community 50 miles north of Milwaukee cooked what they hope is the world's largest bratwurst.

The village of Campbellsport grilled a 48-foot long bratwurst made of 25 pounds of pork, said Joel Fleischman with the Campbellsport Area Chamber of Commerce.

It took more than 45 minutes and 85 pounds of charcoal to cook the Campbellsport bratwurst. It was made by Loehr's Meat Service and paraded through town on a flat-bed semitrailer with a police escort and a high school marching band, Fleischman said.

"Our little town's pretty fired up tonight," he said.

Roadwork season starts

ME PORTLAND — With the Fourth of July, the tourism season is under way in earnest. So is the highway construction season.

Some of southern Maine's busier highways will become one-lane headaches as repairs and improvements commence.

"There's only so many weeks in the construction season and, with our climate, obviously we've got to work somewhere," said Greg Nadeau, director of policy and communications at Maine Department of Transportation.

New identity for college

VA FREDERICKSBURG — Students who started classes at Mary Washington College will find a different name on their diplomas: The University of Mary Washington.

Mary Washington made the switch official, introducing a new logo and hoisting a new flag. The name change reflects the liberal arts school's growth into a full-fledged university.

"I'm not too happy about that," Ryan Butts, 22, who will graduate this summer, said of the switch.

"Linguistically, it would have been better to say Mary Washington University," Butts said.

"You get used to it," said Ron Singleton, a senior vice president at the 96-year-old public college.

Bald eagles increasing

MD ANNAPOLIS — The Maryland Department of Natural Resources found 383 nesting pairs of bald eagles statewide this year. That's more than 10 percent higher than last year's record count.

The largest concentrations were on the mid-Eastern Shore and along the tidal Potomac River. Dorchester County led all counties with 84 nesting pairs.

Latest Tom and Becky

MO HANNIBAL — The town that provided the inspiration for several of Mark Twain's best-loved characters named two children as its new Tom Sawyer and Becky Thatcher representatives.

Brandon Mundle and Emma Hayden took the honors. In an annual tradition for the community, they'll serve as the Hannibal Area Chamber of Commerce's "Tom and Becky" until the Fourth of July next year.

Tourism is a big draw in Hannibal, so all 10 finalists in the Tom and Becky contest will help during the next year, greeting visitors on riverboats that dock at Hannibal, in the Mark Twain Historic District and at several other events.

New casino in the cards

TX EAGLE PASS — The state's only Indian casino is due for a makeover along the Texas-Mexico border.

The Lucky Eagle Casino, which has been housed in a modular building in the eight years since its opening, was scheduled for replacement this summer with a \$15 million stone-and-steel structure next door.

Jesse Hernandez, who comes from San Antonio a couple of times a year to play the noisy colorful slots, says he's been waiting for years.

"They've been saying next month, next month, for a long time," Hernandez told the San Antonio Express-News online edition. "This one lacks a little bit. It doesn't compare to the big casinos in Louisiana."

The new facility is expected to generate more than double the \$25 million gross revenue reported by the existing Lucky Eagle.

Olympian crashes SUV

FL FORT LAUDERDALE — A former Olympic wrestler who defected from Cuba in 1997 crashed his sport utility vehicle into a crowded terminal building at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, slamming into a ticket counter and smashing through a wall, officials said.

Alexis Vila, 33, of Williamston, Mich., was taken into custody after he ran from his SUV after the crash. He suffered minor scrapes and remained hospitalized in stable condition. No one else was injured.

Vila was held at the hospital under the Baker Act, which allows authorities to hold people in preventive custody for 72 hours for mental evaluations if they are deemed a danger to themselves or others, sheriff's spokesman Jim Lejda said Monday.

Investigators don't know why Vila drove into the unmanned Southwest Airlines ticket counter, a sheriff's spokesman said.

Septic truck getaway

MA NEWBURYPORT — Police were searching for a bank robber who led police on a high speed chase in a septic truck before driving the wrong way up Interstate 95 and crashing into the woods.

The man held up the Five Cent Savings Bank in Newburyport and fled in the septic truck with an undisclosed amount of cash, police said.

State police spotted the truck and followed it into Georgetown. Then the driver headed north on the southbound side of I-95, police said.

Drivers swerved to avoid the truck as it crossed the highway, she said. Seconds later, someone jumped out the passenger door before the truck crashed into the woods along the northbound side, one witness said.

Police used a helicopter and canines to search the area, Trooper Thomas Ryan said.

Photos and stories from wire services

Horoscope

The sun passes Saturn in Cancer's protective realm. Saturn likes to crack the whip, stiffen the discipline and get organized.

The focus of this energy is the home. When you clear the clutter from your desk, garage and countertops, you're really clearing the clutter from your mind. The moon in Aries gives you energy to work tirelessly.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 8). You create situations in which you can succeed this year — how brilliant! This month, start small, and generate business from the ground up. Finances are neatly improved in September through your tenacious work. Leadership is featured, both at work and at home in the early fall. The new year includes romance, weddings and travel.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's a sparkling sheen over your world, blue skies and all that. You're in a forgiving mood, or maybe it's just that you refuse to be bothered. Even the troublemakers in your life are reduced to having only the power to amuse you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Think deeply about a loved one's request.

If you answer honestly, you will probably say "no." Developing a larger vocabulary will enable you to talk your way into getting more of what you want out of life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You accomplish so much on your own that it's almost an annoyance to try and motivate others — they're just not getting it! They'll understand later. Try to be gentle with loved ones, letting them set the pace.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Keeping busy won't be a problem. Relaxing might be. You take day-to-day details very seriously. Colleagues trust you implicitly to make the right move for the company. Your star quality attracts business and romance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Today has an element of mischief, levity and whimsy. Experience is favored over talking things to death — just jump in and see what it's really like.

Too much conversation clouds the true meaning instead of making it clear.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Attitude counts more than talent or education today. You cheerfully give people more than they expect, a

cornerstone principle of your ultimate success. Singles have laughs with a Sagittarius or Capricorn.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your courage is high. Some of you will deliver a business proposal, an invitation to dance, or even a relationship ultimatum. You're in an outgoing mood and will be driven

to get to know and accept people on a new level.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Just when you were resigned to a hard-working fate doing a thankless job, several new possibilities take you by surprise. Consider your options carefully, but don't be afraid to be spontaneous. Your instincts are right on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The artist in you needs a voice. Creative efforts inform even your most logically minded tasks.

Allowing yourself to be bad at an activity is the key to getting good or even brilliant at it. Be easy on yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Though it's difficult to imagine anyone's way being better than your own right now, you can overcome adversity with relative ease by remaining flexible. New relationships are taking the path you thought they would.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Early in the day, you feel like you're scatter-shooting your way through the hours, desperately trying to complete each task just well enough to move on to the next. Creative energy accompanies this frenetic state.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your internal weather is gorgeous. Even if you're busy at work, part of you is off sailing a ship across a glassy sea. It's not that you're forgotten completely about the deadline, but what's the point on dwelling on it?

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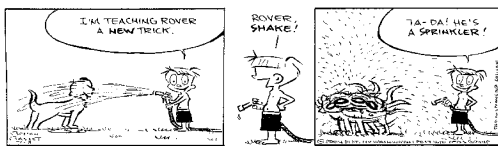
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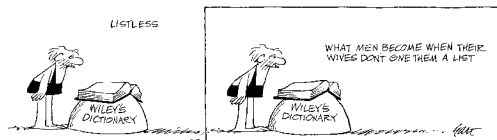
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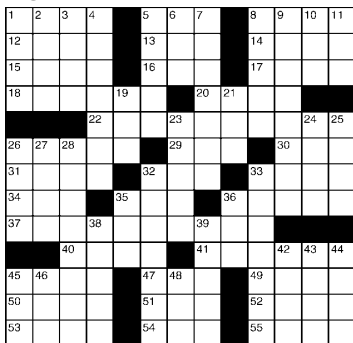
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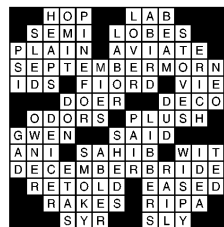
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30 1960s jacket eponym
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32 Pest
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34 Call-day link
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36 Top
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40 Skunk's defense
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53 Pantheon group
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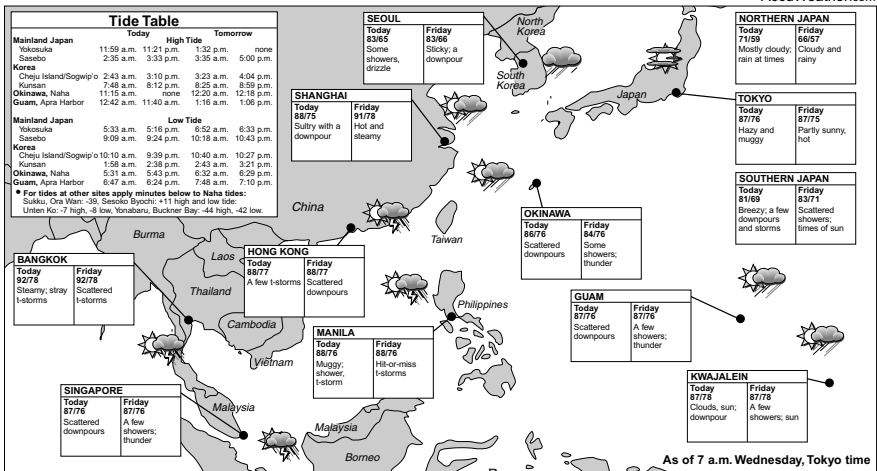
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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Saturday: Showers, high 83, low 74.
Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 84, low 72.

KADENA

Saturday: Thunderstorms, high 86, low 78.
Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 88, low 78.

SEoul

Saturday: Thunderstorms, high 81, low 63.
Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 84, low 70.

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Saturday: Thunderstorms, high 90, low 76.
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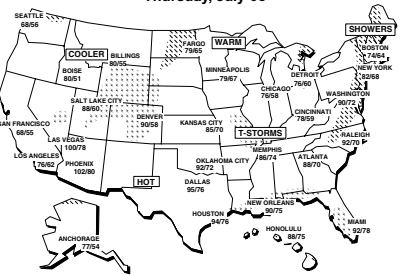
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Albuquerque	92/66	Los Angeles	80/63	Seattle	68/56
Amarillo	86/64	Little Rock	91/72	San Francisco	68/55
Anchorage	74/57	Louisville	83/61	San Jose	80/61
Ashville	88/65	Miami	92/79	San Luis Obispo	76/52
Baltimore	88/69	Milwaukee	78/57	San Marcos	82/70
Birmingham	93/74	Nashville	93/72	San Rafael	82/69
Bismarck	70/48	New York	82/70	San Ramon	82/69
Boston	80/63	Orlando	94/75	San Jose	80/61
Boulder	95/78	Philadelphia	86/69	San Jose	80/61
Buffalo	76/65	Phoenix	108/81	San Jose	80/61
Burlington	76/55	Pittsburgh	82/69	San Jose	80/61
Charleston, SC	96/76	Portland, OR	78/58	San Jose	80/61
Charlotte	96/72	Portland, ME	81/56	San Jose	80/61
Cleveland	83/70	Salt Lake City	88/64	San Jose	80/61
Columbus, OH	88/69	St. Louis	88/64	San Jose	80/61
Duluth	54/48	San Antonio	95/75	San Jose	80/61
El Paso	100/69	San Diego	72/66	San Jose	80/61
Hartford	82/59	San Juan	89/76	San Jose	80/61
Helena	85/57	Tampa	93/78	San Jose	80/61
Indianapolis	86/65	Tulsa	88/69	San Jose	80/61
Jacksonville	95/75	Washington	90/74	San Jose	80/61
Kansas City	79/59	Wichita	82/64	San Jose	80/61

Thursday, July 08



U.S. Extended Forecast

A cold front will push through the East on Thursday, producing showers and thunderstorms. Generally dry but cool weather is expected for the Midwest. Low pressure will gain strength Thursday over the northern Plains with more summerlike air filtering into the Dakotas and Minnesota. Thunderstorms will erupt in the much warmer air across the Dakotas. Generally dry weather will prevail over the West with just a few scattered mountain thunderstorms. A drier pattern will setup over the Southeast Friday and Saturday with a few scattered thunderstorms. The previously mentioned low over the Dakotas will move east and weaken, triggering some showers and thunderstorms across the Plains.

Thursday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	92/78	Iwakuni	86/71	Sasebo NB	82/70
Beijing	91/70	Kadena AB	86/76	Sapporo	71/59
Camp Casey	80/66	Kansan AB	81/68	Seoul	83/65
Christchurch	44/32	Kwajalein	87/78	Shanghai	88/75
Diego Garcia	83/64	Manila	87/76	Singapore	87/76
Hagatna	87/63	Misawa AB	87/63	Sydney	58/41
Hanoi	93/79	Okinawa	87/76	Taegu	85/68
Hong Kong	88/77	Perth	62/44	Taipei	89/71
Honolulu	88/75	Pusan	79/68	Tokyo	87/76

Thursday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Budapest	84/59	Kabul	97/61	Nairobi	74/50
Buenos Aires	87/51	Kiev	72/55	New Delhi	105/86
Cairo	103/71	London	115/84	Oslo	64/46
Cancun	83/72	Madrid	86/62	Paris	68/48
Cape Town	74/53	Mexico City	75/54	Rio de Janeiro	79/67
Geneva	65/48	Montreal	80/57	Rome	91/68
Istanbul	84/65	Stockholm	66/50	St. Petersburg	69/52
Jerusalem	93/63	Tokyo	87/76	Warsaw	72/59
Johannesburg	60/38				



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MOVIES

• SPORTS

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P	• ESPNews Pacific Report	Everybody Loves Raymond Ray drafted for parody. (CC)	Scrubs "My Porcelain God" takes frustration. (CC)	Extreme Makeover (CC)		ER "The Student Dr. Carter's protégé takes his advice too far and treats a brain-injury patient. (CC)		Pacific Report	The Tonight Show (CC)	Late Show (CC)	
7	AFN-Alt	(5-30) Guiding Light (CC)	General Hospital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)			Aaahh! Real Monsters. Tracy Grimm. (CC)	Hey Arnold! (CC)	Yu-Gi-Oh! (CC)	Jackie Chan Adventures (CC)
8	NEWS	60 Minutes II (CC)		The O'Reilly Factor (CC)	Good Morning America (CC)				Headline News	ABC World News This Morning (CC)	The Early Show (CC)	
9	SPTS	• 11:00 • Auto Racing American Le Mans Series (Taped)		• SportsCenter	• Cycling Tour de France - Stage 4. Stage 4 team time trial from Cambral to Aras, France. (Taped)				• SportsCenter	• Totally NASCAR	• African The Inter-Continental	
10	SPECT	One Tree Hill: Willy throws Lucas and Nathan off the bus, stranding them far from home.		The West Wing "Guns Not Butter" The staff pulls together to fight a battle on the Senate over foreign aid.			Journeys to the Ends of the Earth A little-known section of the Nile on the way to Kertum.		Last Seen Wearing? (1988, Mystery) John Tash, Kevin Whately, Peter McEnery. (CC)	• Devoted to Kill! (1980) R. (CC)		
14	TMC	(15) ••• "For Keeps" (1988, Drama) Molly Ringwald, Randall Batinkoff, Kenneth Mars, a career-midlevel high-school senior becomes pregnant. PG-13 (CC)		The NewsHour With Jim Leher (CC)	The New This Old House Hour Hook walkway, building the best of American homes. R (CC)		Frontline: World News in Bombay and Baghdad. Stephen Farber. (CC)	••• "The Finest Hour" (1992, Adventure) Rob Lowe, Gale Sonderling. (CC)	••• "The Finest Hour" (1992, Adventure) Rob Lowe, Gale Sonderling. (CC)	••• "The Finest Hour" (1992, Adventure) Rob Lowe, Gale Sonderling. (CC)	••• "The Finest Hour" (1992, Adventure) Rob Lowe, Gale Sonderling. (CC)	••• "The Finest Hour" (1992, Adventure) Rob Lowe, Gale Sonderling. (CC)
24	PBS	Clifford Big Red Dog (Clifford a bubble float, Elmo a bubble float). (CC)	Dragon Tales (CC)	The NewsHour With Jim Leher (CC)	The New This Old House Hour Hook walkway, building the best of American homes. R (CC)		Frontline: World News in Bombay and Baghdad. Stephen Farber. (CC)	••• "The Finest Hour" (1992, Adventure) Rob Lowe, Gale Sonderling. (CC)	••• "The Finest Hour" (1992, Adventure) Rob Lowe, Gale Sonderling. (CC)	••• "The Finest Hour" (1992, Adventure) Rob Lowe, Gale Sonderling. (CC)	••• "The Finest Hour" (1992, Adventure) Rob Lowe, Gale Sonderling. (CC)	••• "The Finest Hour" (1992, Adventure) Rob Lowe, Gale Sonderling. (CC)
25	SHOW	••• "Hart's War" (2002) Bruce Greenwood. A murder suspect is named in a Nazi POW camp.		••• "Equilibrium" (2002, Science Fiction) Christian Bale, Emily Watson, Jaye Davidson. A futuristic landscape rebels against the government. R (CC)			Frontline: World News in Bombay and Baghdad. Stephen Farber. (CC)	••• "The Finest Hour" (1992, Adventure) Rob Lowe, Gale Sonderling. (CC)	••• "The Finest Hour" (1992, Adventure) Rob Lowe, Gale Sonderling. (CC)	••• "The Finest Hour" (1992, Adventure) Rob Lowe, Gale Sonderling. (CC)	••• "The Finest Hour" (1992, Adventure) Rob Lowe, Gale Sonderling. (CC)	••• "The Finest Hour" (1992, Adventure) Rob Lowe, Gale Sonderling. (CC)
27	A&E	Cy City Confidential "Flier: Fallen Rose" The demolition of the once-prosperous Los Angeles of Tyler, Texas. (CC)		American Justice "A Mother's Story of Murder" A woman is convicted of killing her 14-year-old son. (CC)			Cold Case Files "Wesley-Victor Killer: The Mr. Big Sing: The South Side Raper" Prostitute helps police track down a serial killer. (CC)		The First 48 "Double Murder on Haskell: Back Alley Revenge" Father and son murder suspects. (CC)		Crossing Jordan "Gun battle kills a bank robber disguised as Bill Clinton and a bystander. (CC)	
28	DISC	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
29	TF	(5-50) Masha-al Mo Kaya	Insider	Dong Pu Nuan	Kumusta Kabayan			(4:40) Masayang Tanghal Bayan			(1:10) Trip Kita	(3:35) Saan...Teen Princess
30	CNN-I	Larry King Live (CC)	CNN World News	World Sport	Business International		Asia Tonight	Biz Asia	CNN World News	World Report	Biz Asia	Business International
31	GOLF	• Scottish Open Highlights	Inside the PGA Tour	What's in the Bag?	• Golf Academy Live		• Golf Channel Academy	• Golf Central Academy	• Golf Channel Academy	• Golf Central Academy	• Golf Channel Academy	• Golf Channel Academy
32	TLC	Chase Swamp Bold colors and inventive furniture transform a bedroom and office space. (CC)	It's a Fix "The Wired House" A couple lives in a fixed-up house. (CC)	Sports Disasters "Accidents happen to athletes. (CC)			Area 51: Fact or Fiction (CC)		Crop Circles: In Search of a Sign (CC)		Sports Disasters "Accidents happen to athletes. (CC)	
34	TOON	Samurai Jack	Dexter's Laboratory	• Courage the Cowardly Dog	Justice League	Powerpuff Girls	Cartoon Cartoon	Cartoon shorts	2 Slurp Dogs	I Am Weasel	What a Cartoon Show	Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!
35	ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter: Forests of Nature "Steve takes on U.S. carbon monoxide venomous snakes out of harm's way."	The Planet's Fun Animals (CC)	The Planet's Fun Animals (CC)	Wild About Tigers The history of tigers leaving tigers from extinction. (N)		Most Extreme "Super Senses" Animal vs. Human (CC)		Animal Planet "Terrier Rescue" Neutered white-tailed terrier rescues neglected puppy. (CC)		Wild About Tigers The history of tigers leaving tigers from extinction. (N)	
36	COM	Late Night with Jimmy Kimmel: Bush Politics, air-guitar champion. (CC)	The Daily Show Kevin Kline. (CC)	Straight Plan for the Gay Man Broad way dancer attracts women. (CC)	Introducing Grant Thornton		Innocent Mail "The Big Apple" South Park Boys (CC)		The Graham Norton Effect (Series Premiered) (N) (CC)		The Daily Show Michael Moore. (N) (CC)	Tough Crowd (N) (CC)
40	NGC-A	Fire and Thunder Storm Stories Five stories to abandon NYC	Toyota World of Wonder	Planet Wild	Extinct "The Mammoth"	Mongoose Murders	Marco Polo: The China Mystery Rewired Edition	Indonesia Beyond the Reef (Part 2 of 2)	Island of the Giant Bears		Air Crash Investigation "Flying the Storm" Pilots decide to try to outrun a storm. (CC)	
42	SPEKE	Horsepower TV (CC)	Horsepower TV (CC)	Star Trek: The Next Generation "Shadows of Gray" (CC)	Star Trek: The Next Generation "The Evolution" (CC)		MXC	MXC	MXC (N) (CC)	MXC	MXC "Almost Live!"	
43	FOX	Fame (CC)	Blind Date "Blind Date: theater and studio. (N)	Blind Date (CC)	Northern Shore "Bliss" A down-on-his-luck man gets a job as a hotel maid. (CC)		The Calling "Ding Dang Sprockel" "Ding enters a beauty pageant. (CC)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith (CC)		Copney & Lacey "Faded Daily Chris and Mary Beth investigate the death of an elderly woman. (CC)	
44	BET	10 P.M. & BET: The Top 10 Live	BET.com Countdown	The Parkers (CC)	The Parkers (CC)		Open Mic: Live Taping Special The importance of testing for HIV (N)		Cub Comic View		BET Night News	• Mo'Nasty Heat
46	COURT	NYPD Blue "These Old Bones" Tagged, results when the domestic violence in New York City. (CC)	Cops "Thieves use bicycles. (CC)	Cops "A count-down of several wanted criminals. (CC)	The System The story behind the six death-row inmates escape from a Virginia prison. (CC)		Forensic Files "Medical science from the Case Files" (CC)		The System American businesses battle losses to employee theft and property destruction. (CC)		The Smoking Gun TV	• Mo'Nasty Heat
48	STR-UL	Baywatch (CC)	The Simpsons (CC)	Cheers (CC)	Star News Focus "New Shoot Me" (CC)		Reel to the A-List (CC)		Butty the Vampire Slayer (CC)		Angel (CC)	
50	LIFE	The Golden Girls "Sister" Sophia's return. (CC)	The Golden Girls "The ladies come and are hugged. (CC)	The Nanny Fan and the Bigger. (CC)	The Nanny "The Strike" (CC)		Providence "The Kiss" A 10-year-old Russian art prodigy with a brain tumor has his eye on Sydney. (CC)		••• "Dirty Little Secret" (1998, Drama) Tracey Gold, Jack Wagner, Mary Page Keller. A kidnapping leads to the revelation of a disturbing truth. (CC) (DVS)		Wild Card "Queen Be" Candy goes to Chicago with Zoe. (CC)	
51	ABC/FAM	Full House "Fischel" (repeats her secret child at a party. (CC)	Full House "Fischel" (repeats									
53	HIST	Cops & Bolls "Fischer rescue helicopter. (CC)	Modern Marvels "Paving America" American roads: Pre-World War II highways. (CC)	Quest for King Arthur For centuries, the adventures of the king and his knights of the Round Table dominate the imagination of the western world. (CC)	••• "Dare" (2002, Comedy-Drama) Denys Leary, Elizabeth Perkins, Jennifer Bracco. A womanizer must apologize to past lovers to inherit money. (CC)	••• "Dare" (2002, Comedy-Drama) Denys Leary, Elizabeth Perkins, Jennifer Bracco. A womanizer must apologize to past lovers to inherit money. (CC)	••• "Dare" (2002, Comedy-Drama) Denys Leary, Elizabeth Perkins, Jennifer Bracco. A womanizer must apologize to past lovers to inherit money. (CC)	••• "Dare" (2002, Comedy-Drama) Denys Leary, Elizabeth Perkins, Jennifer Bracco. A womanizer must apologize to past lovers to inherit money. (CC)	••• "Dare" (2002, Comedy-Drama) Denys Leary, Elizabeth Perkins, Jennifer Bracco. A womanizer must apologize to past lovers to inherit money. (CC)	••• "Dare" (2002, Comedy-Drama) Denys Leary, Elizabeth Perkins, Jennifer Bracco. A womanizer must apologize to past lovers to inherit money. (CC)	••• "Dare" (2002, Comedy-Drama) Denys Leary, Elizabeth Perkins, Jennifer Bracco. A womanizer must apologize to past lovers to inherit money. (CC)	••• "Dare" (2002, Comedy-Drama) Denys Leary, Elizabeth Perkins, Jennifer Bracco. A womanizer must apologize to past lovers to inherit money. (CC)
58	ADV I	• Adventure "Ballooning/Extreme Kayaking" (CC)	• Adventure "Ballooning/Extreme Kayaking" (CC)	• Adventure "Ballooning/Extreme Kayaking" (CC)	• Adventure "Ballooning/Extreme Kayaking" (CC)	• Adventure "Ballooning/Extreme Kayaking" (CC)	• Adventure "Ballooning/Extreme Kayaking" (CC)	• Adventure "Ballooning/Extreme Kayaking" (CC)	• Adventure "Ballooning/Extreme Kayaking" (CC)	• Adventure "Ballooning/Extreme Kayaking" (CC)	• Adventure "Ballooning/Extreme Kayaking" (CC)	• Adventure "Ballooning/Extreme Kayaking" (CC)
59	MTV	True Life "I'm Gay a Summer Show" People rent houses on the shore.	Direct Effect	• Adventure "Ballooning/Extreme Kayaking" (CC)	• Adventure "Ballooning/Extreme Kayaking" (CC)	• Adventure "Ballooning/Extreme Kayaking" (CC)	• Adventure "Ballooning/Extreme Kayaking" (CC)	• Adventure "Ballooning/Extreme Kayaking" (CC)	• Adventure "Ballooning/Extreme Kayaking" (CC)	• Adventure "Ballooning/Extreme Kayaking" (CC)	• Adventure "Ballooning/Extreme Kayaking" (CC)	• Adventure "Ballooning/Extreme Kayaking" (CC)
60	NICK	Justice "Rugrats/SpongeBob" (CC)	Justice "The Wild Thornberrys" (CC)	Justice "Caldo" (CC)	Justice "Caldo" (CC)	Justice "Caldo" (CC)	Justice "Caldo" (CC)	Justice "Caldo" (CC)	Justice "Caldo" (CC)	Justice "Caldo" (CC)	Justice "Caldo" (CC)	Justice "Caldo" (CC)

JAPAN TV		JAPAN TV-BS7		WOWOW		700 Fashion Wednesday	
Morning		Morning		Morning		Afternoon	
6:00 Between the Lions (3)		6:00 Top News from Around the World		7:30 World No. 26		12:30 Live! The Music	
7:30 Disney (12)		7:00 Top News from Around the World		7:30 World No. 26		1:00 Pure Music	
8:00 Between the Lions (3)		7:30 Top News from Around the World		8:00 News Now		1:30 Live! The Music	
1:30 U.S. Movie (1995): Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde		8:00 Top News from Around the World		8:00 News Now		2:00 Live! The Music	
3:12 Grand Sumo: The 5th Day (1)		8:30 Seaside Mariner		8:00 News Now		2:30 Live! The Music	
Evening		11:00 Handcraft: Switch Plate & Lamp (r)		12:00 TV Series: Dawson's Creek		3:00 Live! The Music	
7:00 Japan Pro Ball: Yomiuri Giants vs. Yokohama BayStars		Afternoon		12:00 TV Series: Dawson's Creek		3:30 Pure Music	
8:00 Families Family (42)		6:00 Top CNN News		12:30 World No. 26		4:00 Pure Music	
8:00 U.S. Movie (2012): Superfreak (1:54:12)		6:30 Top CNN News		1:00 Grand Sumo Tournament, 5th Day (billboard)		4:30 Live! The Music	
10:00 U.S. Movie (2012): Superfreak (1:54:12)		6:30 Top CNN News		1:30 TV Series: Sex and the City No. 10		5:00 Live! The Music	
10:00 U.S. Movie (2012): Superfreak (1:54:12)		6:30 Top CNN News		1:30 TV Series: Sex and the City No. 11		5:30 Live! The Music	
10:00 U.S. Movie (2012): Superfreak (1:54:12)		6:30 Top CNN News		1:30 TV Series: Sex and the City No. 12		6:00 Live! The Music	
10:00 U.S. Movie (2012): Superfreak (1:54:12)		6:30 Top CNN News		1:30 TV Series: Sex and the City No. 13		6:30 Live! The Music	
10:00 U.S. Movie (2012): Superfreak (1:54:12)		6:30 Top CNN News		1:30 TV Series: Sex and the City No. 14		7:00 Live! The Music	
10:00 U.S. Movie (2012): Superfreak (1:54:12)		6:30 Top CNN News		1:30 TV Series: Sex and the City No. 15		7:30 Live! The Music	
10:00 U.S. Movie (2012): Superfreak (1:54:12)		6:30 Top CNN News		1:30 TV Series: Sex and the City No. 16		8:00 Live! The Music	
10:00 U.S. Movie (2012): Superfreak (1:54:12)		6:30 Top CNN News		1:30 TV Series: Sex and the City No. 17		8:30 Live! The Music	
10:00 U.S. Movie (2012): Superfreak (1:54:12)		6:30 Top CNN News		1:30 TV Series: Sex and the City No. 18		9:00 Live! The Music	
10:00 U.S. Movie (2012): Superfreak (1:54:12)		6:30 Top CNN News		1:30 TV Series: Sex and the City No. 19		9:30 Live! The Music	
10:00 U.S. Movie (2012): Superfreak (1:54:12)		6:30 Top CNN News		1:30 TV Series: Sex and the City No. 20		10:00 Live! The Music	
10:00 U.S. Movie (2012): Superfreak (1:54:12)		6:30 Top CNN News		1:30 TV Series: Sex and the City No. 21		10:30 Live! The Music	
10:00 U.S. Movie (2012): Superfreak (1:54:12)		6:30 Top CNN News		1:30 TV Series: Sex and the City No. 22		11:00 Live! The Music	
10:00 U.S. Movie (2012): Superfreak (1:54:12)		6:30 Top CNN News		1:30 TV Series: Sex and the City No. 23		11:30 Live! The Music	
10:00 U.S. Movie (2012): Superfreak (1:54:12)		6:30 Top CNN News		1:30 TV Series: Sex and the City No. 24		12:00 Live! The Music	
10:00 U.S. Movie (2012): Superfreak (1:54:12)		6:30 Top CNN News		1:30 TV Series: Sex and the City No. 25		12:30 Live! The Music	
10:00 U.S. Movie (2012): Superfreak (1:54:12)		6:30 Top CNN News		1:30 TV Series: Sex and the City No. 26			

Hokies QB Vick suspended after reckless driving, marijuana charges

The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Virginia Tech quarterback Marcus Vick was suspended indefinitely from the team Tuesday, the same day it was revealed he was charged with reckless driving and possession of marijuana.

The younger brother of Atlanta Falcons quarterback and former Hokies star Michael Vick was charged after an early morning traffic stop on Saturday, state po-

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lice said. He was convicted in May of three misdemeanors stemming from a drinking party with three underage girls. The school said the latest charge prompted the indefinite suspension. Officials revealed Tuesday that Vick and two others convicted in May had been suspended for the first three games of the season.

Vick, a redshirt sophomore, was expected to challenge senior Bryan Randall for the starting job this season after the two essentially shared it last season.

Vick was clocked on radar at 86 mph, 21 mph above the speed limit, state police spokesman Gary B. Payne said.

"As a result of the traffic stop, he also was charged with possession of marijuana," Payne said.

Both charges are misdemeanors, he said.

In May, the 20-year-old Vick was sentenced to 30 days in jail and fined \$2,250 on three counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor after he and two teammates gave alcohol to 14- and 15-year-old girls at the players' apartment.

Tailback Mike Imoh, 19, was sentenced to 10 days in jail and fined \$750. Wide receiver Brenden Hill, 19, was sentenced to 20 days in jail and fined \$1,500. After the trial, Virginia Tech

athletic director Jim Weaver promised to punish the players, but refused to disclose what kind of disciplinary action he would take, citing the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. On Tuesday, Weaver revealed that all three players had been suspended for the first three games of this season. School spokesman Larry Hinckley said all three players had signed a waiver that allowed the school to detail the penalties.

Coach Frank Beamer has declined to discuss the convictions, saying he wanted to wait until the appeals process has run its course.

Vick has appealed his conviction and sentence to Montgomery County Circuit Court.

Miami football recruit gets three years' probation

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Top Miami football recruit Willie Williams was sentenced to three years' probation Tuesday for violating probation on a burglary conviction.

He could have faced up to a year in jail, but the prosecution didn't request jail time.

Williams, 19, must perform 250 hours of community service while on probation and is banned from drinking alcohol and taking unprescribed drugs. He'll be subject to random testing.

Williams' lawyers said it was important to the school that the player will not have a felony conviction, and the judge agreed.

Defense attorney Paul Lazarus said he's "extremely optimistic" Miami will accept Williams. Another lawyer for Williams, Bradford Cohen, said he expects the university to hold a hearing within two weeks.

Miami athletic director Paul Dee said now that Williams' sentence is known, the school will determine whether to admit him.

The 6-foot-2, 225-pound linebacker started at Carol City High School in Miami. He a Parade All-American and the No. 2-ranked high school player in the country by SuperPrep magazine after last season.

Williams told the judge he understood the risks of going to state prison if he violates probation again. As part of his probation, Williams must undergo a psychological evaluation and get any recommended treatment.

Reports: Stallings, Wilson visit Ohio St. for second interviews

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings met Tuesday with a search committee to discuss Ohio State's vacant head basketball coaching position and Rice's Willis Wilson also was visiting campus to talk about the job, according to broadcast reports.

Stallings came to Value City Arena, Ohio State's home court, to speak with members of the search committee on Tuesday morning. He then flew back home to Nashville, Tenn., Columbus television station WBNS reported.

Wilson traveled to Ohio State on Tuesday, Houston television station KRIV reported. Citing unidentified college basketball sources, the station said Wilson was en route to Columbus and would interview with Ohio State athletic director Andy Geiger.



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4. Best vacation destination in Pacific
5. Best local festival
6. Best ski destination
7. Best beach
8. Best sunrise (hiking)
10. Best park/garden
11. Best onsen/hot spring
12. Best MWR recreational facility
13. Best travel agency
14. Best airline
15. Best billeting quarters

Retail/Services

16. Best exchange store

17. Best small exchange store

18. Best selection of kids clothes

19. Best selection of shoes

20. Best local department store

21. Best used autos

23. Best website

24. Best selection of jewelry

26. Best cell phone provider

27. Best long distance provider

28. Best beauty shop

29. Best furniture store

30. Best shrine sale/flea market

Dining/Entertainment ON BASE

31. Best AFN DJ / Reporter

33. Best Sunday brunch

34. Best Mongolian BBQ

35. Best cheap date

37. Best E Club

38. Best O Club

39. Best restaurant

41. Best breakfast

Dining/Entertainment OFF BASE

43. Best fast food

44. Best American food

46. Best romantic dinner

47. Best cheap date

48. Best pizza

49. Best seafood

50. Best steak

51. Best local cuisine

52. Best live music/dancing

53. Best breakfast

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WATER TREATMENT EFFECTS

Despite bumpy ride, Armstrong in good shape after third stage

American in fourth place after conquering cobblestones

BY JOHN LEICESTER

The Associated Press

WASQUEHAL, France — One key rival down for Lance Armstrong, at least four others to go.

Armstrong turned two treacherous cobblestone stretches of the Tour de France to his advantage Tuesday, while Spain's Iban Mayo crashed in a blow to his team hopes.

Other challengers, including German Jan Ullrich, American Tyler Hamilton, Italy's Ivan Basso and Spain's Roberto Heras could still derail Armstrong's attempt for a record sixth straight crown.

"Ugh, that's unbelievable," the Texan said in summing up the difficult day.

French sprinter Jean-Patrick Nazon won the third stage and Australian speedster Robbie McEwen took the overall race lead, 16 seconds in front of the fifth-place Armstrong.

But Mayo's disaster was the big news of the day, and resulted in him losing 3 minutes and 48 seconds to Armstrong.

Mayo crashed in a dash by the

main pack of riders to be first onto the dangerous bumps, and couldn't make up the lost time even though he resumed racing in torn shorts.

"It's terrible," said Julian Gorospe, sporting manager of Mayo's Euskaltel-Euskadi team. "He fell at the worst time in the race, when everyone wanted to be near or at the front."

The 26-year-old Mayo is a fearless climber and could regain time in the Pyrenees and Alps later in the race.

Armstrong has said he favors Mayo to win a mountain time trial four days before the finish in Paris on July 25.

But four minutes? Armstrong and the other top challengers would have to experience disasters of their own for Mayo to stand atop the winner's podium. Mayo risks falling further behind Wednesday, in a team time trial where his squad is expected to struggle.

"Today, you could not win the Tour de France but you could lose the Tour," Armstrong's sporting manager Jolien Bruyneel said.

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U.S. Postal Service teammates George Hincapie, foreground, Lance Armstrong, right, and T-Mobile team leader Jan Ullrich of Germany, center rear, ride through the cobblestone section of Erre, Belgium, during the third stage of the Tour de France between Waterloo, Belgium, and Wasquehal, northern France, on Tuesday.



Overall leader Robbie McEwen of Australia, above, is 16 seconds ahead of Lance Armstrong heading into the fourth stage.

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Younger players prompting NBA, college coaches to blend

BY DAVID WHARTON
Los Angeles Times

Less than two months ago, at a news conference introducing him as the coach of the Golden State Warriors, Mike Montgomery said: "I'm sure this is a surprise to some of you, maybe a shock."

A shock because after nearly two decades at Stanford, Montgomery was a college basketball icon, his legacy chiseled in stone, the sort of coach who has traditionally spurned the NBA.

The shock has worn off fast.

An even bigger name than the college ranks, Mike Krzyzewski, spent the weekend weighing an offer from the Los Angeles Lakers, and, though he declined on Monday, the fact he would consider leaving Duke — where he has a lifetime contract, where the court bears his name — implies a shift in the landscape.

Jim Calhoun, coach of defending national champion Connecticut, goes so far as to muse about "a deep unrest" among college coaches.

At game has changed. More young players are leaving school early to enter the NBA Draft. More teenagers are skipping college altogether, jumping from high school to the pros.

"You get a kid who you think will change your whole program, make you a national powerhouse, and he leaves," USC coach Henry Bibby said.

Last month, USC saw highly touted recruit Robert Swift slip away to become a first-round choice by the Seattle SuperSonics.

"That makes it tougher to win in college," Bibby said. "It hurts."

Montgomery left Stanford shortly after losing junior Josh Childress to the draft, a blow to a team with national championship hopes.

At Duke, which has been immune to this phenomenon for many years, star freshman Luol Deng and blue-chip recruit Shaun Livingston also opted for last month's draft. Livingston was selected fourth overall by the Los Angeles Clippers.

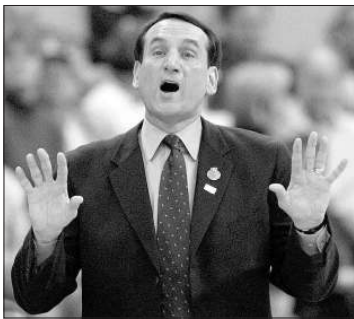
People around Krzyzewski guessed these developments had to affect a coach who has amassed more than 600 victories and three national championships with the Blue Devils.

"I'm sure that's frustrating when you recruit a kid and they don't show up, and you recruit a kid and they come for one year and leave," Duke athletic director Joe Alleva said last week.

From another perspective, this dynamic might be causing NBA general managers to take a closer look at college coaches.

For many years, the two games were thought of as oil and water.

College was about motivation and teaching. The pros required a businesslike approach, dealing with millionaire egos on the court and billionaire owners in the front office.



Mike Krzyzewski has decided he's content at Duke despite the changing landscape of college basketball, which has prompted some college coaches to consider following the young players they recruit to the NBA.

But with more and more teenagers entering the pro ranks, the NBA might need a little more of the college approach.

"It's a new breed of players," said Bibby, who worked his way through pro basketball's minor leagues before taking over at USC. "The college coach would be able to relate to these younger players."

Another piece of the puzzle — an emerging picture of successful college coaches willing to switch — is money.

Montgomery reportedly got a four-year, \$10 million deal from the Warriors.

The Lakers reportedly offered Krzyzewski \$8 million a year. That figure would have dwarfed his present contract and endorsements, most recently reported at \$1.3 million annually.

"A lot of college coaches make good money, but that's certainly a factor," said Lou Kruger, whose coaching career has taken him from high-profile NCAA jobs to the Atlanta Hawks and back to college at Nevada Las Vegas.

And the NBA doesn't have anything like the NCAA's labyrinthine manual, with its rules on recruiting and team meals and how a coach may conduct practices.

"I think all that stuff rolled into one gets you down," Calhoun said.

Still, Kruger and others warn, the NBA has its own set of drawbacks.

The pro season can be a grind, longer and more tightly packed, leaving less time for practice. Older players can be considerably less open to coaching.

John Wooden, who turned down NBA offers during his legendary career at UCLA, said: "Most college coaches like to teach, and there's not that much teaching that goes on in the pros."

The mind-set differs in another critical way.

"You have to learn to deal with losing," said University of Mem-

phis coach John Calipari, who had an NBA stint with the New Jersey Nets. "You don't have any two- or three-loss seasons in the pros... In fact, you may lose two or three games in a week's time."

Away from the court, pro coaches answer to bosses who can be more fickle than the average university president.

You'd better be sure you're hooked at the hip with the owner and management, so you're sure that you're on the same page," Kruger said Monday night.

So college coaches thinking about the NBA have numerous factors to consider.

On one side is a list of successful college coaches — including Kruger and Calipari, Rick Pitino and Leonard Hamilton — who have struggled in making the transition to the pros.

On the other is a fresh memory of Larry Brown showing it can be done, becoming the first coach to win NCAA and NBA championships when his Detroit Pistons defeated the Lakers.

Moreover, Brown did it with a team that exhibited some college-like characteristics — a devotion to teamwork and defense.

At a Monday afternoon news conference in Durham, N.C., Krzyzewski talked about his decision to remain at Duke.

He spoke of family — three grown daughters and grandchildren in the area — and his close association with the university, where he carries an additional title of special assistant to the president.

He spoke of "the great game of college basketball."

Maybe it wasn't an appropriate day to address the state of his profession but, given the current set of frustrations, his athletic director sounded relieved.

"Today's really a happy day," Alleva said. "It's a great day for college basketball."

Times staff writers Bill Dwyre and Robin Norwood contributed to this report.

Report: L.A. offers job to Tomjanovich

The Associated Press

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — With Mike Krzyzewski out of the picture, it appears Rudy Tomjanovich could be the next coach of the Los Angeles Lakers.

The former Houston Rockets coach has been offered the job, a Houston television station reported Tuesday.

Lakers spokesman John Black refused comment.

Tomjanovich, who led the Rockets to NBA titles in 1994 and 1995, was offered the job Monday night, according to unidentified NBA sources quoted by KRIV. The Lakers job has been vacant since June 18, when the team announced Phil Jackson would not return next season.

Tomjanovich, 55, stepped down after 12 years as coach of the Rockets in May 2003 — two months after learning he had bladder cancer. He underwent treatment and served as a scout for the Rockets this season — his 34th year with the organization.

Krzyzewski announced Monday he would remain at Duke rather than accept an offer from the Lakers, reported to be for five years and \$40 million.

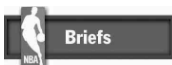
"Immediately after I spoke to [Krzyzewski] this morning, our search for a new coach continued," Lakers General Manager Mitch Kupchak said last Monday.

Pistons assistant Woodson heads to Hawks

ATLANTA — Mike Woodson agreed to coach the Atlanta Hawks after working as the top assistant last year for the NBA champion Detroit Pistons.

"They have offered the job and hopefully everything will be wrapped up sometime [Tuesday] and I'll be on a plane Wednesday night or Thursday morning for Atlanta," Woodson told The Associated Press on Tuesday by phone from his Houston home.

Woodson said he was still completing negotiations with the



Hawks but considered the final details minor.

He said he agreed to a four-year deal to replace Terry Stotts, who was fired May 6. The Hawks went 28-54 last season and have missed the playoffs for five straight years.

Woodson, an assistant for Pistons coach Larry Brown, was a finalist for jobs in Toronto and Philadelphia the past two years.

Woodson, 47, has been an assistant for four teams. He came with Brown from Philadelphia to Detroit for the 2003-04 season. He also played in the NBA for 11 seasons.

Jazz reach agreements with Okur, Giricek

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Jazz have verbal commitments from restricted free agents Mehmet Okur and Gordon Giricek.

The Jazz would not release terms of either agreement, other than to say they were multiyear contracts, Utah Vice President for Basketball Operations Kevin O'Connor said Monday night.

Detroit TV station WDIV reported the offer to Okur was for between \$42 million and \$48 million for six years.

Giricek joined the Jazz after coming over in a deadline deal with Orlando for DeShawn Stevenson last season. He averaged 13.5 points in 25 games with the Jazz.

Nets place Gill on waivers

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Eddie Gill was placed on waivers by the New Jersey Nets on Tuesday.

The 6-foot guard was acquired on June 24 from Portland in exchange for the rights to Russian forward Viktor Khirypa and \$3 million.

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Senators sign Hasek, hope he delivers Cup

The Associated Press

OTTAWA — Dominik Hasek signed with the Ottawa Senators, who hope the 39-year-old goaltender can return to the form that made him one of the NHL's greats.

The Senators announced the signing Tuesday, ending weeks of speculation. They received per-

mission from Detroit to speak with Hasek even before the Czech star became an unrestricted free agent last Thursday.

Ottawa was my first choice and I was very excited when my agent called back and said they were very interested in me," Hasek said at a news conference. "And today I'm here."

The contract is for one year with an option for a second and will pay Hasek a base salary of \$2 million with a bonus of \$4 million if the Senators win the Stanley Cup, according to The Canadian Press.

It became clear the Senators were interested in Hasek when they traded goalie Patrick Lalime to the St. Louis Blues during the NHL entry draft on June 27.

Hasek is a two-time league MVP and won six Vezina Trophies, given to the league's best goaltender, in nine years with the Sabres. He also led the Czech Republic to the gold medal in the 1998 Nagano Olympics.

He joined the Red Wings in July 2001, winning his first Stanley Cup 11 months later and then retiring.

He ended his one-year retirement last season, but he played in just 14 games with Detroit before a chronic groin injury ended his year. He had groin surgery this spring to fix the problem.

Renney remains Rangers coach

NEW YORK — Tom Renney will remain coach of the New York Rangers after taking the job



on an interim basis in February when he replaced Glen Sather. The Rangers removed Renney's interim designation Tuesday and said he will also keep his title as vice president of player development.

Renney went 5-11-0-4 after taking over from Sather, who stepped down on Feb. 25 to focus solely on being the general manager of the struggling club.

Despite having the NHL's highest-est payroll, the Rangers failed to make the playoffs for a league-high seventh straight year — setting a team record.

Blues retain D Weinrich

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Blues re-signed 16-year veteran defenseman Eric Weinrich to a two-year contract on Tuesday.

St. Louis acquired Weinrich, 37, from the Philadelphia Flyers on Feb. 9. In 26 games with the Blues, Weinrich scored two goals and had eight assists.

Weinrich has 69 goals and 302 assists in 1,082 career games. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Coyotes sign O'Donnell

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The Phoenix Coyotes signed free-agent defenseman Sean O'Donnell to a \$6 million, three-year contract Tuesday.

O'Donnell had one goal and 10 assists last season while playing every game for the Boston Bruins. He has 21 goals and 119 assists in 693 career games while playing for Los Angeles, Minnesota, New Jersey and Boston.

Phoenix signs defenseman Suchy to Columbus

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Columbus Blue Jackets sent defenseman Radoslaw Suchy and a sixth-round pick in next year's amateur draft to the Columbus Blue Jackets on Tuesday in exchange for a fourth-round pick in the 2005 draft.

Suchy has 12 goals and 63 points in 372 games.



Boston Red Sox knuckleballer Tim Wakefield is 4-5 with a 4.27 ERA this season.

Reeling Red Sox need pitcher

Other than top two, Boston's rotation has been dismal

BY CHARLES ODOM

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — It isn't tough to figure out how to fix the Boston Red Sox — acquire another quality starting pitcher.

Now. When Pedro Martinez and Curt Schilling start, Boston is 23-1. When anyone else starts, the reeling Red Sox are 20-26, a big reason Boston is eight games behind the New York Yankees in the AL East.

"Every team is looking for starting pitchers," Boston General Manager Theo Epstein said Sunday after Derek Lowe wasted a 4-0 lead in a 10-4 loss to the Atlanta Braves.

While Schilling is 11-4 with a 3.08 ERA in his first season with the Red Sox and Martinez is 8-3 with a 3.74 ERA, it gets pretty ugly after that. The rest of the rotation includes Tim Wakefield (4-5, 4.27), Bronson Arroyo (2-7

— including 0-6 since May 15 — and Lowe (6-8, 6.02).

Byung-Hyun Kim, 1-1 with a 6.17 ERA in three starts with Boston, was sent to the minors on May 11 and could be an option if he regains form.

After Lowe's miserable performance Sunday, Red Sox manager Terry Francona was asked whether returning Lowe to the bullpen was an option.

"Who are you going to start?" he asked. "You come up with a guy who can win a lot of games."

Epstein acknowledged two pitchers last week, making separate deals for Jimmy Anderson and Brandon Puffer.

Anderson, 25-47 in his career, was quickly added to the Boston bullpen, after spending the first part of the season starting for the Chicago Cubs' Triple-A Iowa farm team. He worked primarily as a starter for Pittsburgh and Cincinnati from 1999-2003.

Puffer worked strictly in relief

in his three seasons with Houston and San Diego.

While Nomar Garciaparra, Trot Nixon and Bill Mueller have returned from injuries, all three have been well short of their past form.

If the losing doesn't stop soon, the Red Sox could drop out of the wild-card race, too. Boston is three games back of Texas, the AL wild-card leader, but with an opportunity to make up lots of ground before the All-Star break.

"We are playing teams that are at this time ahead of us in the wild-card race the next 10 days," Schilling said.

The Red Sox, who have lost 10 of 14, returned home Sunday night and open a three-game series Tuesday against AL-West leading Oakland, the team Boston beat in the first round of last year's playoffs after losing the first two games.

The Rangers follow the Athletics for a weekend series at Fenway Park.

Rangers' Rogers becomes first 12-game winner in majors

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Overcoming an injured hamstring, Kenny Rogers became the first 12-game winner in the major leagues.

Rogers allowed seven hits in 5 1/2 innings Monday night, winning his eighth straight decision and leading the Texas Rangers over the Cleveland Indians 8-5.

Two days earlier, Rogers (12-2) hurt his right leg while shagging fly balls in the outfield.

"It made it hard to throw a pitch," Rogers said. "I really didn't have a clue of where the ball was going. Not even close. It was lucky to make it through five. I couldn't even land on it."

"I'm just glad they didn't hurt me. I was limited. Hopefully, in five days it will be better."



Rogers, who hasn't lost since May 9, said if his leg doesn't improve he would consider skipping next week's All-Star Game in Houston.

"I'm not going to go down in the second half of the season," Rogers said.

Alfonso Soriano hit a two-run homer for the Rangers, who are 12-5 since Aug. 18.

C.C. Sabathia (5-4) was rusty in his first start since June 26, giving up six runs and eight hits in three innings. He, too, was picked for the All-Star Game.

Sabathia, who missed a turn because of a sore left shoulder, entered with a league-leading 2.77 ERA, but it rose to 3.23.

Francisco Cordero pitched the ninth for his 25th save.

Yankees 10, Tigers 3: Alex Rodriguez, Gary Sheffield, Bernie Williams and Ruben Sierra homered for the Yankees.

Jason Giambi, who hadn't started since June 26 because of intestinal parasites, put New York ahead with an RBI single in the first at Yankee Stadium.

Jon Lieber (6-5) pitched shut out into the seventh and sent Detroit to its fifth straight loss. Tigers reliever Esteban Yan was ejected for throwing over the

head of Rodriguez, who hit his 20th homer in a six-run second off Nate Robertson (7-4).

Twins 9, Royals 0: Brad Radke (5-4) pitched a four-hitter at the Metrodome for his ninth career shutout and first win since May 22. He had been 0-2 in his previous seven starts.

Kansas City has lost six straight for the second time this year, and its 29-51 record is the franchise's worst after 80 games.

Jimmy Gobble (4-6) allowed six runs and nine hits in 4 1/2 innings, dropping to 0-2 with an 8.05 ERA in four starts against the Twins this season.

Orioles 4-8, Devil Rays 2-2: Dave Borkowski took a shutout into the ninth inning of his first

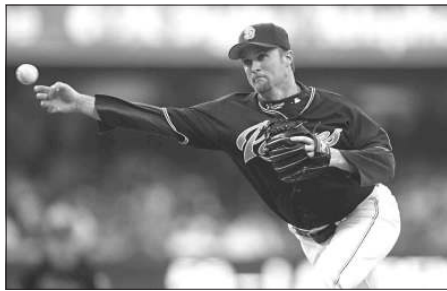
major league appearance since 2001, and Jerry Hairston had four hits and four runs at Camden Yards as Baltimore completed a day-night sweep.

In the opener, Daniel Cabrera and two relievers limited Tampa Bay to four hits, and Baltimore got consecutive two-out RBI doubles in the seventh from Luis Matos and Tim Lincecum Jr. off Devon Brazelton (2-1).

Yankees' Ben which has lost three straight after winning 19 of 23, had only 10 hits in the doubleheader.

Borkowski (1-0) came within two outs of his first complete game in 14 career starts.

B.J. Ryan (3-2) won the opener, and Jorge Julio worked the ninth for his 12th save.



San Diego Padres starter Brian Lawrence pitches in the first inning against the Houston Astros on Monday in San Diego. Lawrence earned his 10th win in the Padres' 2-1 victory.

Lawrence outduels Rocket, boosts San Diego into first

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Brian Lawrence is going to remember this one for a long time.

He outpitched Roger Clemens — a Texan, just like him — throwing eight strong innings Monday night for his 10th win of the season in the Padres' 2-1 victory over Houston.

"To come out on the winning side, and knowing you battled with one of the best ever, it was awesome," Lawrence said. Ryan Klesko singled in the go-ahead run with one out in the eighth and Trevor Hoffman pitched the ninth for his 21st save in 23 chances to put the Padres in first place in the NL West by a half game.

Lawrence (10-5) allowed just one run on five hits in eight innings, and has won at least 10 games for the third year in a row.

But this was his first game against the Rocket.

"It's something growing up and watching this guy, being from Texas myself and knowing where he came from, and doing the things he's doing, it's almost an honor to be able to go up against a guy like that," Lawrence said.

Clemens had never faced the Padres, and he held them to three hits and one run in seven innings, striking out six.

He touched his right knee after throwing his final warmup pitch in the fifth inning, and manager Jimmy Williams and the trainer came out to check on him. "It got caught back in the rubber a little bit," Clemens said. "It was a burning feeling. I was able to work through that thing."

Clemens, who walked four, retired 11 of the first 12 batters before allowing the Padres to tie it. Klesko walked, took second on Terrence Long's single and scored when Jay Payton singled.

Klesko moved into the cleanup spot after Phil Nevin went on the disabled list Monday because of arthroscopic surgery on his right knee.

"It's one of those games it's nice to be a part of," Klesko said. "Seeing Clemens go out there and pitch, and we got the win. They both threw good games, and it's nice to get a hit to go through the hole there and help my team win."

Pirates 3, Marlins 1: World Series MVP Josh Beckett went back on the disabled list after leaving his start at home against Pittsburgh.

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Beckett (4-5), who hadn't started since June 17 because of a lower back strain, was pulled after four innings because of a blister. He allowed two earned runs on five hits in his 7-3-pitch outing.

Kip Wells (4-5) won for the first time since May 1, allowing four hits and striking out eight for his first win in eight starts.

Jesus Mesa pitched the ninth for his 21st save in 22 chances.

Phillies 6, Mets 5: Tom Glavine (6-6) gave up six runs and 10 hits in his seventh game in his worst outing this season. Richard Hidalgo set a team record by homering in his fifth consecutive game for visiting New York.

Pat Burrell had two hits and two RBIs and Billy Wagner finished with a perfect ninth for his 13th save in 15 chances.

Brewers 11, Expos 4: Andrew Jones hit a three-run homer in a six-run first inning and Chipper Jones had four RBIs in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Atlanta sent 16 batters to the plate in the first two innings and built an 8-0 lead. Atlanta (41-41) reached .500 for the first time since June 12 (30-30).

Rockies 7, Giants 4: Jeromy Buzinich hit a two-run double and visiting Colorado stretched a winning streak to four for the first time since last July 25-29.

Buzinich is batting .462 (6-for-13) this season at San Francisco, where Colorado had lost nine straight.

Shawn Chacon pitched the ninth for his 18th save.

Brewers 1, Cubs 0: All-Star Ben Sheets struck out 12 in Milwaukee and Craig Counsell hit his second home run of the season.

Sheets (8-5) gave up four hits in seven innings to beat Matt Clement (7-7), who walked a season-high six. Clement struck out 10 in seven innings and allowed just three hits.

Cardinals 4, Reds 1: Edgar Renteria and Scottolen drove in two runs each, and Albert Pujols had three hits for St. Louis at home.

Backed by his trio of All-Star infielders, Chris Carpenter (9-3) struck out eight and walked none in seven-plus innings. Jason Isringhausen got three outs for his 19th save. St. Louis is an NL-best 50-32.

White Sox hung out to dry by farcical All-Star voting

It's one thing to get dished by fans. It's another to get dished by players, managers and Major League Baseball officials.

If All-Star Game voting were open to one-celled organisms, there's a pretty good chance the Chicago White Sox would get dished by them too.

Eteban Loaiza, who is not even the Sox's best pitcher this season, likely will be the franchise's only representative at the July 13 All-Star Game. And he probably made it because each team has to have at least one player in the game.

It's not a travesty or an outrage or anything requiring anti-rash ointment. It's just stupid. And it's invisibility as usual for the Sox.

If there were any sort of cosmic justice, the Sox would have beaten the Cubs on Sunday night. Carlos Lee's ninth-inning home run to tie the game would have been a springboard to victory. The Sox wouldn't have lost 2-1 when Damaso Marte walked in the winning run. They wouldn't have been swept by the Cubs either.

But the Sox and justice aren't on the best terms right now.

At last glance, the Sox were in first place in the American League Central Division. One would think that should count for something. At last glance, the Sox were one of the best hitting teams in baseball.

One would think that should count for something too.

One apparently has difficulty with math because none of that counts for anything.

If the Sox are looking for any more motivation — if they're looking for more reason to feel neglected, abused and unloved — this latest slap in the face would seem to provide it.

"That's pretty rare to have only one guy from a first-place team," Cubs manager Dusty Baker said. "Usually a second-divisor team has [a little representation]."

The 39-41 Indians have four players on the AL team. The Indians are the living, breathing essence of the second division.

Did the Sox get dished? "I think so," Loaiza said. "I don't say a lot about it, but I think we do."

Fans voted for the eight starting position players, and the simple truth is that the Sox weren't going to fare well in that part of the selection process. They don't get a lot of fans at their games, and they don't have a national following. The players who have done well in the first half of the season

Rick Morrisey



and MLB officials.

They don't think much of the Sox either. That doesn't say a whole lot for the experts doing the voting, does it? You can look at the numbers and make up the logical, analytical judgments you want, but it's hard to get past the fact that the Sox are No. 1 in the AL in runs, RBIs and slugging percentage.

They're one of the best teams in their league. But as far as the All-Star Game is concerned, they hardly exist.

After the 2002 All-Star Game ended in a tie, Commissioner Bud Selig decided to add meaning to the contest. He decreed that whichever league won the annual All-Star Game would have home-field advantage in the World Series.

Seems like baseball hasn't bought into the program yet.

This latest example of dismissiveness toward the team from the South Division seems to be brother Sox manager Ozzie Guillen. "That's part of the game," he said. "But in your mind, you know who's an All-Star and who's not."

Konerko and Thomas are among five AL players who have one last chance to get in through Internet fan voting, which will add one more player to the roster. But that last shot almost surely will go to the Yankees' Hideki Matsui because New York fans dominate the voting.

In terms of power, the Sox aren't a sexy team. They don't have a Sammy Sosa or a Barry Bonds. They have a guy who used to be Frank Thomas, but with a lower batting average and fewer things to say. They happen to be a very good team.

And if the Sox do make the World Series, they might have to live with the idea that home-field advantage was decided, for better or worse, by a couple of lowly Indians.

Rick Morrisey is a sports columnist for the Chicago Tribune.

Snakebitten: No saving this streak

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in the dugout and the fans continued their ovation until the closer came out for a curtain call, waving his cap.

"The fans are so proud of what I've been doing," Gagne said. "They come out every single game and they're really into it, so I just tried to give back to them because they've been really good to me."

"It's all about winning. We won the game," he said.

Gagne converted every save opportunity he had between Aug. 28, 2002, and Monday night. On 38 occasions, he protected a one-run lead.

In what has become a Dodger Stadium tradition, Gagne jogged from the bullpen to the mound with "Welcome to the Jungle" blaring on the speakers. "Game Over" flashing on the message board and the fans on their feet.

The streak ended on the night Gagne had a chance to break Jeff Shaw's club record of 129 career saves.

"I would think that everybody would

want to be the one that broke the streak," Chad Tracy said. "I wouldn't think that any big league hitter would be intimidated. I mean, you know how good our son is? He's had. I know that he likes to throw that changeup, and it's tough to stay back on when you see 97 mph. But if you're intimidated, you're done already."

Gagne has blown only five saves since Jim Tracy made him his closer two seasons ago. Three have been against the Diamondbacks.

"It's ironic. His last blown save was against the same ballclub," Jim Tracy said. From what I've seen in the last two years, the only candidate who can redo it is the guy who just did it."

Gagne had an 0.82 ERA with 141 strikeouts in 87 1/3 innings during his streak. He had 52 saves in 56 chances in 2002, 55 straight saves last year and 21 this year.

Lo Duca watched from the dugout Monday night because of a sore hip. "They're not a couple of teenagers, but that's what's been so amazing — that that hasn't happened in 84 straight appearances," he said. "It's unbelievable."

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Snakebitten again

Gagne's record save run of 84 ends vs. D-backs

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LOS ANGELES — For almost two years, it was "Game Over" every time Eric Gagne trotted in from the bullpen with the Los Angeles Dodgers ahead.

When he struck out Scott Hairston to start the ninth inning Monday night, it seemed as if save No. 85 in a row was a few pitches away.

But three batters later, his incredible streak was over. The Arizona Diamondbacks rallied for two runs to tie it, before the Dodgers scored in the 10th to win 6-5.

In August 2002, Gagne's streak began two days after a blown save against Arizona.

"Everybody says you have to be real lucky. I was real lucky for a long time. It just came to

an end," Gagne said. "I made some great pitches. They beat me."

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Trevor Hoffman, tied for third on the all-time list at 41.

Actually, his last blown save occurred last July — in the All-Star Game when Texas' Hank Blalock hit a two-run homer in the eighth that lifted the AL over the NL 7-6.

That blown save meant something — it gave the AL the home-field edge in the World Series. Since it didn't happen in a regular-season game, it didn't officially stop Gagne's streak.

Over the weekend, Gagne was picked for his third All-Star team.

Gagne's success conjured up notions of hallowed streaks such as Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting string in 1941 and Orel Hershiser's 59 consecutive scoreless innings in 1988.

"What he accomplished, it's unbelievable," teammate Shawn Green said. "It's one of those records that will be with all the other huge records of baseball."

After Hairston struck out, Shea Hillenbrand singled to center on a 0-2 pitch and pinch-hitter Luis Gonzalez pulled a 2-2 changeup down the right-field line for an RBI double.

Rookie Chad Tracy, facing Gagne for the first time, grounded an 0-2 pitch through the right side to drive in the tying run.

After Gagne's streak ended, the Dodger Stadium crowd of 32,929 sat in stunned silence before giving him a standing ovation.

When the inning ended, manager Jim Tracy and several teammates hugged Gagne

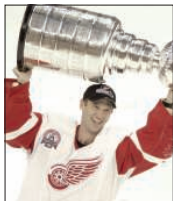


Los Angeles Dodgers closer Eric Gagne looks down at his glove after blowing a save in the ninth inning against the Arizona Diamondbacks on Monday in Los Angeles. The blown save ended an 84-game save streak dating back to August 2002. "Everybody says you have to be real lucky. I was real lucky for a long time. It just came to an end," Gagne said. L.A. won 6-5 in 10 innings.



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